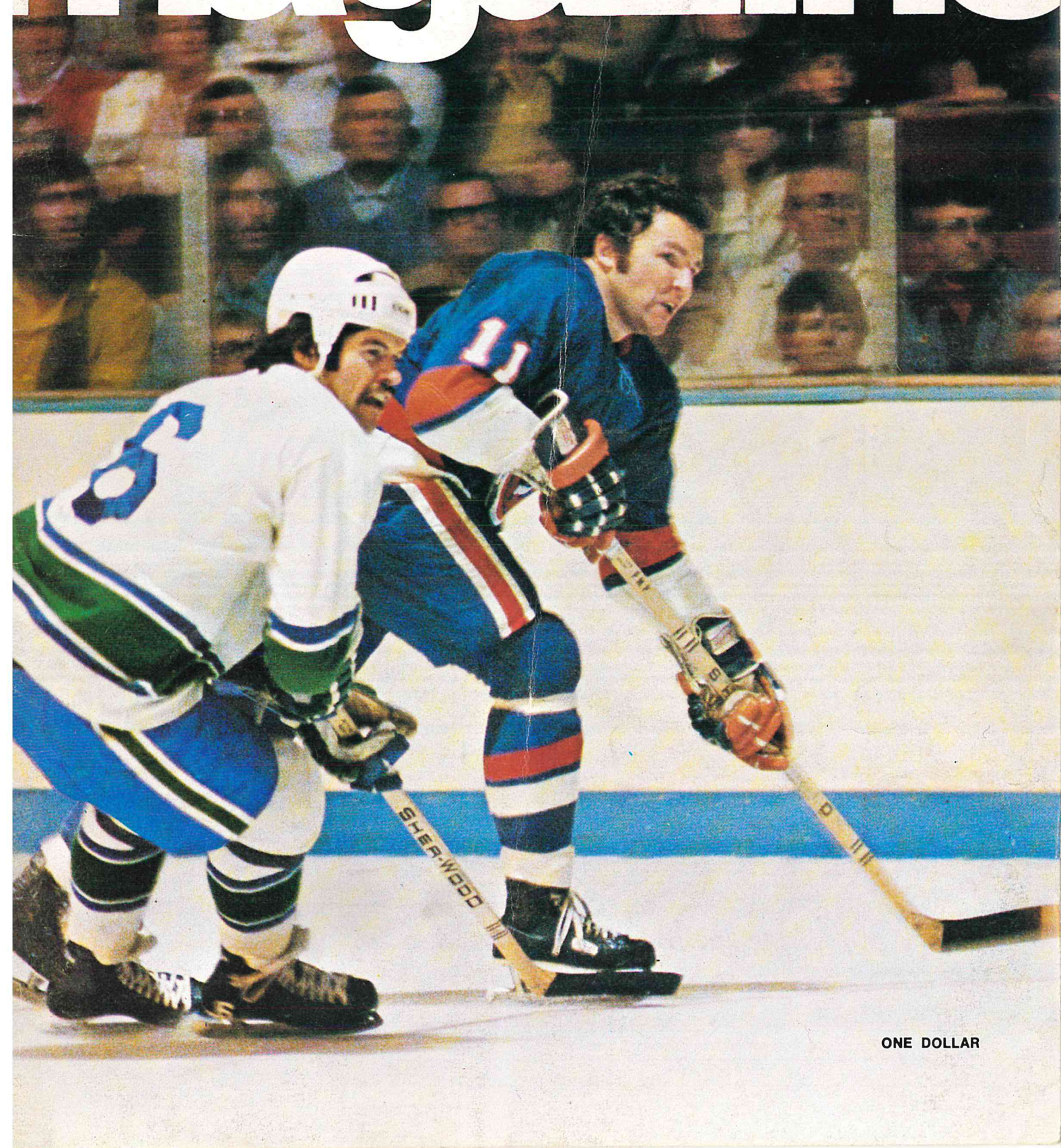


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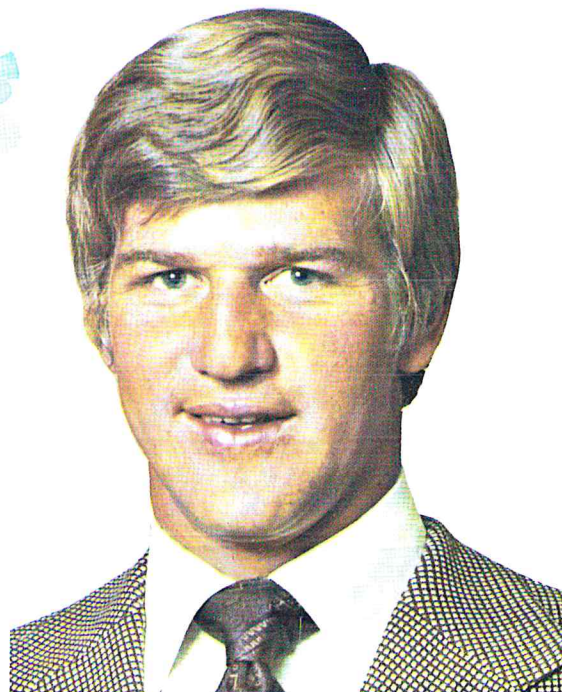
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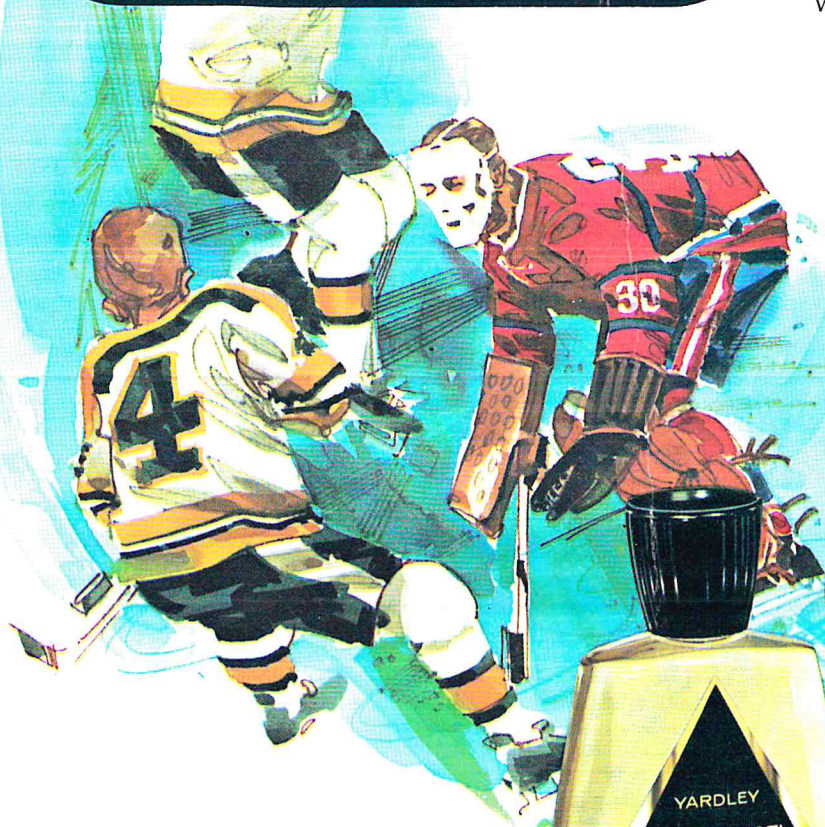
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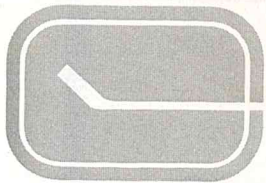
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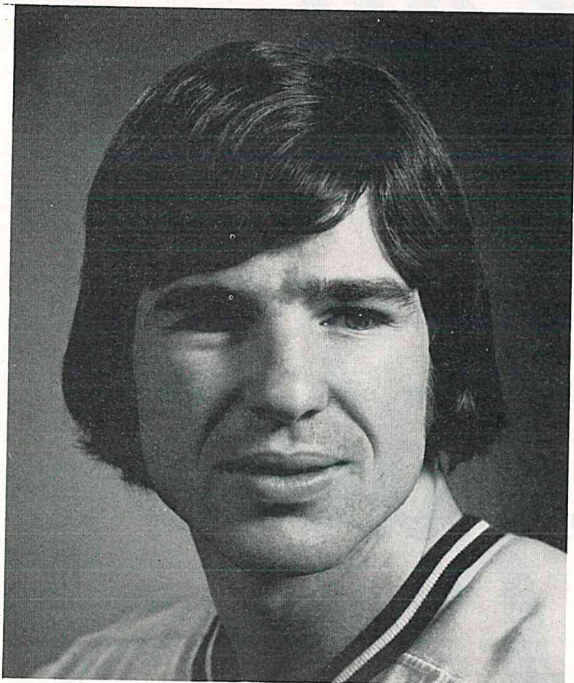
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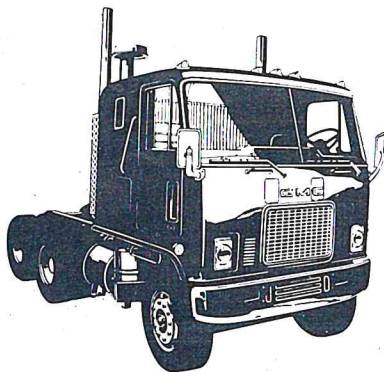
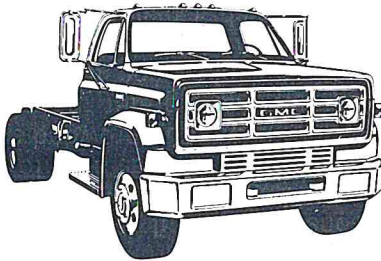
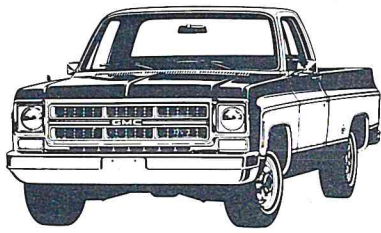
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Gerry O'Flaherty

ON THE "EMERALD" LINE

By TOM WATT

The good old days for Gerry O'Flaherty were those of the Roaring 20's. He'll admit to them being his Golden Age, but don't tell him he's living in the past.

O'Flaherty can be forgiven his nostalgic look into the past, to the days when he was suddenly transformed from a utility winger into a centreman of what was to become one of the most colorful lines in Vancouver Canucks' short National Hockey League history.

It all happened less than a year ago.

When Phil Maloney took over as coach of the Canucks last Jan. 15, one of his first moves was to ask O'Flaherty if he'd ever played centre. When the reply was in the negative, Maloney decided that was good enough for him.

He put O'Flaherty (No. 23) between Gregg Boddy (No. 22) and Dave Dunn (No. 24) and so was born the Roaring 20's line. It didn't figure to do much more than create confusion among the enemy lines, since both wingers considered themselves defencemen by trade.

But a funny thing occurred.

The Roaring 20's became an important part of the Canuck resurgence under Maloney. O'Flaherty scored 22 goals — topping his rookie year production by nine — Dunn scored 11 and Boddy got two.

They weren't statistics which would bedazzle anyone but they did have some impact on certain

people: namely the Toronto Maple Leafs. Dunn was a particular thorn in their side as he scored four times against them and got himself put on their Most Wanted list.

To get Dunn, Leafs had to give up Garry Monahan and John Grisdale. All that happened on Thanksgiving Day, an occasion O'Flaherty may never celebrate again.

When Dunn departed from the scene, O'Flaherty not only lost a left winger, but he also lost a bosom buddy.

And, with the acquisition of Gerry Monahan on the same day, Flapper knew that it was only a matter of time before he was shifted out of the centre position.

"I figured to myself that would be the next move," said O'Flaherty. "It only made sense to play the most experienced centremen."

Quite naturally, O'Flaherty isn't brooding about the "good old days", simply because the present is so exhilarating.

Even O'Flaherty admits that climbing to first place in the Conn Smythe Division was a surprise to the Canucks at first, but they quickly adjusted to their new status and think they have the confidence to sustain it.

"I think the turning point was that game in Toronto (Oct. 19) when we came back to win and then won 1-0 in New York against the Rangers the next night," said O'Flaherty.

By then he had been shifted to right wing to play alongside Meehan and Monahan. For an Irishman such as Maloney, it was a combination he couldn't resist trying. They have given him no reason to break up the Emerald Line, as O'Flaherty likes to call it.

O'Flaherty credits Canucks' success to date with the fact that all four lines are playing so well.

"It doesn't matter which one Phil throws out, they get the job done," he said. "Then, of course, there's the great job that Smitty is doing."

Another big reason for Canucks' superb record is the excellent penalty killing. The Vancouver penalty killers have allowed only 18 power play goals in 108 times shorthanded, among the best in the league after 26 games.

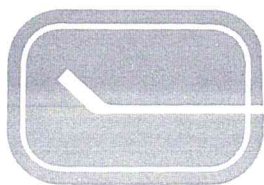
O'Flaherty has always been used as a penalty killer with the Canucks, but it would seem that in Monahan, he has found the perfect partner.

"I think Mondo and I have been on for only one goal," said O'Flaherty. "Penalty killing isn't a one-man job. It's a team effort. No one man can do it by himself. Mondo and I always seem to know where the other guy is going to be."

O'Flaherty has been heard to say: "The worst thing that ever happened to me was when I lost my old roomie (Dunn). The best thing that ever happened was when Mondo arrived."

The moral there might be: "Don't look back."





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Jim Neilson of the Seals is the subject of Bill Libby's pen in tonight's So the Man says feature. You may recall that Neilson was involved in that three way deal this summer where Walt McKeachnie of the Seals went to the Rangers for Neilson and then to Boston for Derek Sanderson. This trade and other issues are explored in this feature story.

Jim Neilson is an Indian — a half-Indian, anyway — who arrived this season from the New York Rangers to become the biggest name on the California Seals club. He looks to be an Indian with a flat, rugged face, high cheek bones, dark skin and a lot of straight black hair. He looks to be a good defenceman, which he is, with good skating speed, the ability to handle the puck and move it out of his end, the bravery to block shots, and the strength to bother big forwards and unleash strong shots, himself.

However, the 6-2, 200-pounder has been a controversial performer in The Big Town and at 34 has been bounced from near the top of the National Hockey League to the bottom, where he has taken up residence in Oakland with a struggling team he is expected to lead up the ladder. A product of a broken home, he has had an interesting background. He speaks freely about this, about his time in New York and about his hopes in Oakland:

QUESTION: Were you upset about the trade?

NEILSON: No, not really. I expected it. There's a win or else attitude around the Rangers now and when we failed to win the Stanley Cup again last season there were bound to be changes. Vic Hadfield went. I went. Others went or will go. The pressure

really is unreal there now. We had good seasons in New York recent seasons, but we didn't win the Stanley Cup. You just can't count on capturing the Cup. But in New York they demand it. I wanted to get out of town. I was secretly happy when I was traded.

QUESTION: But did you want to go to a last-place team?

NEILSON: No, but I wanted to go to Oakland. My wife and I figured I'd be traded and we tried to figure out where we might wind up and where we'd like to go. California seemed perfect. It is, too. It's a wonderful way of life in California. I'm a Canadian, but I've had enough snow and ice to last me awhile. I like sunshine in the winter as well as in the summer and the kids love the outdoors life. My wife and I have two daughters, Darcy and Donna, and a son, David, and we feel it'll be fine for the family. I'm renting Ivan Boldirev's suburban house. He was traded to Chicago. All I hope is I can help the Seals leave last place.

QUESTION: You're 34. You were benched last season in New York. Have you enough left to help the Oakland team? And do the Seals have much to be helped?

NEILSON: I think I'm almost still at my peak as a player. I was benched last season when the team traded for Gilles Marotte, but when he was hurt in the playoffs I was put back in action, shared

duty with him after that and played well. It's not the first time I was benched there and bounced back to play well. I don't believe I was benched because I wasn't playing well. I was benched because I was being booed by a lot of fans who don't know how the game should be played.

I'm big, but I'm not a big hitter and they prefer fights to fancy stuff there. They booed Harry Howell out of town, too, but I doubt they ever had a better defenceman. I'm more the Harry Howell type. Oh, I'm not one of the best defencemen who ever played, but I'm an honest player, who gets the job done. I'm just not flashy. I can still do a job and I expect to do one for the Seals. They're not a top team, no, but they're a young team with top potential. I helped bring along young players like Rod Seiling in New York and there are some I hope to help in Oakland. Seiling is another guy who has gone from New York now.

QUESTION: After years with a winner, isn't it tough to adjust to life with a loser?

NEILSON: Oh, yes, sure, but I hope we'll win more and lose less as we go along. Teams turn around. The Vancouver team got off to a good start this season after several bad seasons. So did the Los Angeles team. Some teams go up and some teams go down.

Down teams like Vancouver and Oakland make changes and try things until they come up with something which works. No matter how your team does, all you can do is your best. Look at Gilles Meloche, our goaltender. If he was with a winner, he'd be recognized as one of the best in the business. He has to handle a lot of shots and gives up a lot of goals, but he does his best. If I can improve our defence, I'll improve his stats and he'll get more recognition. It's a team thing. I think we have a team which will upset some people this season. If so, life in Oakland will be just fine.

QUESTION: *You're half-Indian, right? What was your early life like?*

NEILSON: My mother was a full-blooded Cree Indian. My father was a full-blooded Dane. I was born in Big River, Saskatchewan. My parents separated when I was a little boy. My mother returned to the reservation. It was the only place she felt at home. She left the kids with my father. He was a

mink-rancher who had to be out in the woods and away from home a lot. He had to put me and my two sisters in St. Patrick's Catholic Orphanage in Prince Albert. I was four.

As we grew up my sisters were unhappy at the place and my father managed to find another place for them in a private school, but I was happy and spent 12 years there. It wasn't a bad place with cruel people like such places are described in books. We didn't have much, but we were fed and clothed well enough and the nuns were nice to us. I got good schooling there and learned to play hockey there.

QUESTION: *When did you leave? Have you gone back?*

NEILSON: I left to play amateur hockey with the Prince Albert Mintos in 1959. I turned pro with Kitchener - Waterloo two years later. I got to the majors with the Rangers in 1962. I was 21. I go back to the orphanage from time to time. I guess I'm a little bit of a hero to the youngsters there now.

I'm someone who was there and left there and made a name for myself in life. What I do isn't all that much, but I guess it seems like a lot to them and I try to tell them they can do anything they want in life if they work at what they have.

QUESTION: *Do you go home? Do you see your parents?*

NEILSON: Home is the orphanage. I go back to the part of Canada I consider home. I may spend more time in Oakland off-seasons because it is more the kind of living I like. New York was exciting and there was a lot to do there, but it was too crowded and rushed for me. I prefer the open spaces, the lakes and the fields. I prefer fresh air and clear skies. I hunt and fish. I play golf.

I see my father once in a while, but he lives back in the wilderness. He's retired now, but he stocks up on supplies and is satisfied to be by himself. He's never seen me play, except on television. He was never a hockey

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fan. I know he's proud that I've made it in what I wanted to do, but because I'm his son, not because I'm a hockey player. I have no hard feelings for him. He was left alone with us and simply couldn't care for us, himself, but he cared and he did what he could do.

I have seen my mother only a few times since she left. We just don't have that much to say to each other. She did what she was driven to do. I've never tried to make it a difficult situation. She remains on the reservation at Big River. I'm not sure what she thinks of me, but I do not think hard things about her.

QUESTION: *What about the rest of your family? Did you marry an Indian girl?*

NEILSON: No, my wife is a "whiteskin". So our kids are only one-fourth Indian. We've been married more than 10 years now.

One of my sisters is married and lives in Montreal. The other is single and lives in Calgary. I see them sometimes but we are not as close as we could be because we did not grow up together.

QUESTION: *Have you encountered any anti-Indian prejudice?*

NEILSON (laughing): No, except for the odd thing. And a few writers like you, who once referred to me as an Eskimo.

QUESTION: *You're not an Eskimo?*

NEILSON: No.

QUESTION: *You're sure?*

NEILSON: Yes.

QUESTION: *But you are a hockey player. Do you enjoy the game as much as, say, when you broke into the majors?*

NEILSON: Yes, I think so. It's been hard at times when things did not go the way we wanted them to go, but it's been a good life. I haven't suffered from too

many injuries. Oh, I've had a shoulder separation, stretched ligaments in my knee, a broken finger and a broken foot. And I've had surgery on my elbow. But I haven't had any more physical problems than most players.

It is a tough game, but I'm surviving. I concentrate on defence these days. I used to make more rushes, but I'm getting a little old for that sort of stuff. I'm no Bobby Orr or Brad Park, anyway. When Brad arrived with the Rangers, my career as an offensive defenceman ended. There aren't enough defensive defencemen in the game nowadays, anyway. And the Seals need defence more than anything.

QUESTION: *Last question, did you say Ranger fans belonged in a zoo?*

NEILSON (laughing): No comment.

QUESTION: *One more question, then. What about Oakland fans?*

NEILSON (smiling): When I see some, I'll let you know.



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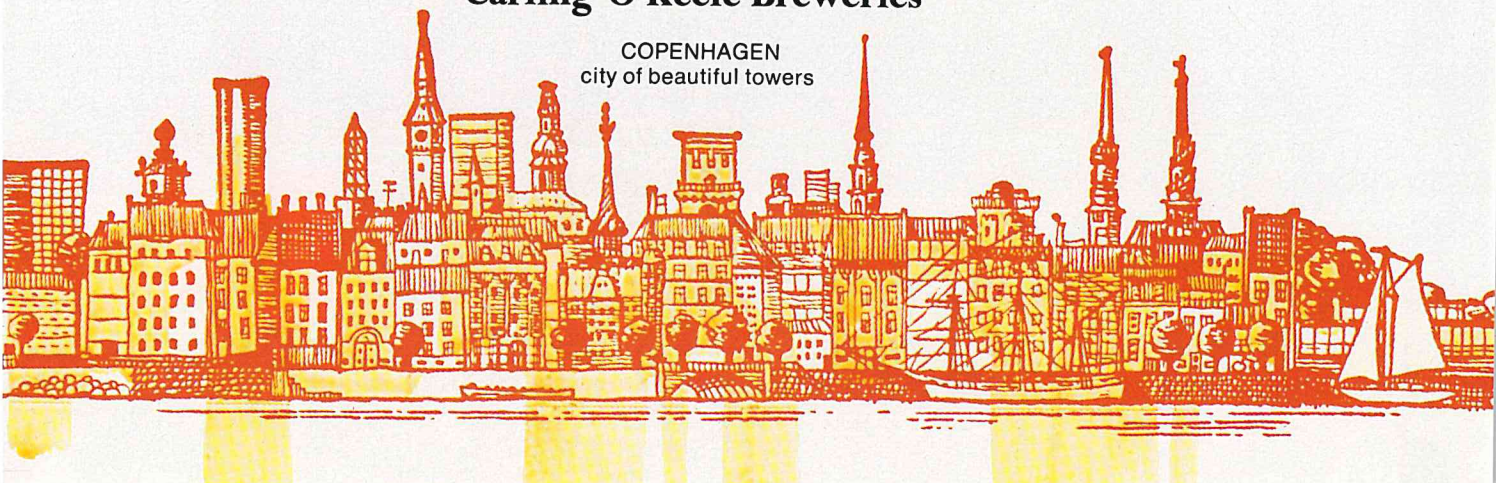
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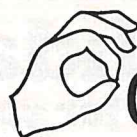
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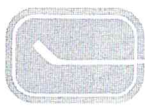
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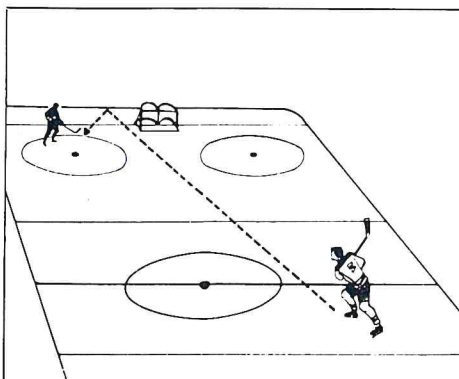
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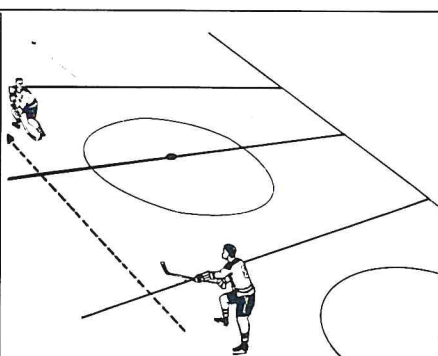


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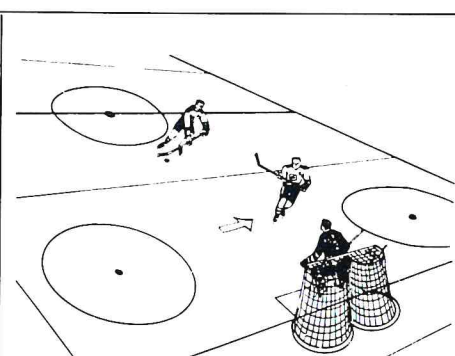
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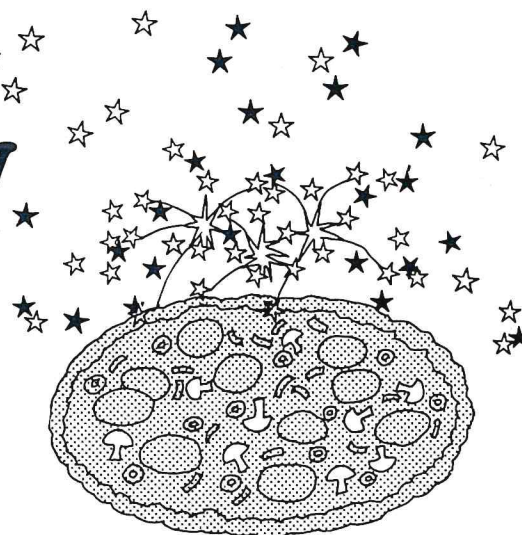
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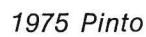
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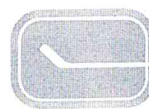
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Tuesday 15		St. Louis
Wednesday 16		Minnesota
Saturday 19		Toronto
Sunday 20		N.Y. Rangers
Tuesday 22	Minnesota	
Friday 25	Kansas City	
Saturday 26	†Philadelphia	
Tuesday 29	Detroit	
Friday, November 1	Pittsburgh	
Tuesday 5	N.Y. Rangers	
Thursday 7		Kansas City
Saturday 9		Montreal
Sunday 10		Detroit
Tuesday 12	Chicago	
Friday 15	Los Angeles	
Saturday 16	†Toronto	
Tuesday 19	St. Louis	
Thursday 21		Philadelphia
Saturday 23		N.Y. Islanders
Sunday 24		Boston
Tuesday 26		Kansas City
Wednesday 27		St. Louis
Saturday 30	†N.Y. Islanders	
Tuesday, December 3	Minnesota	
Friday 6	Atlanta	
Sunday 8		Detroit
Tuesday 10	California	
Thursday 12		Buffalo
Saturday 14		Kansas City
Sunday 15		Chicago
Tuesday 17	Washington	
Friday 20	Montreal	
Sunday 22		California
Thursday 26		Los Angeles
Saturday 28	†Boston	
Wednesday, January 1, 1975	• Philadelphia	
Saturday 4		Pittsburgh
Sunday 5		N.Y. Rangers
Wednesday 8		Toronto
Thursday 9		Boston
Saturday 11		Minnesota
Sunday 12		Buffalo
Wednesday 15		Chicago
Friday 17	Buffalo	
Saturday 18	†N.Y. Rangers	
Thursday 23		Washington
Friday 24		Atlanta
Sunday 26	*Toronto	
Tuesday 28	Montreal	
Saturday, February 1	†Washington	
Tuesday 4	Pittsburgh	
Friday 7	Chicago	
Tuesday 11	Kansas City	
Friday 14	Detroit	
Saturday 15	†Atlanta	
Tuesday 18	Boston	
Friday 21		N.Y. Islanders
Saturday 22		Minnesota
Wednesday 26		Montreal
Thursday 27		Philadelphia
Saturday, March 1		Pittsburgh
Sunday 2		Washington
Wednesday 5		St. Louis
Friday 7	Chicago	
Saturday 8	†N.Y. Islanders	
Tuesday 11	Kansas City	
Friday 14	Buffalo	
Sunday 16		Chicago
Tuesday 18		N.Y. Islanders
Wednesday 19		N.Y. Rangers
Friday 21		Atlanta
Sunday 23	*St. Louis	
Tuesday 25	Philadelphia	
Friday 28	Los Angeles	
Saturday 29		Los Angeles
Tuesday, April 1	California	
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Friday 4	Minnesota	

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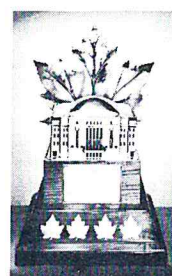
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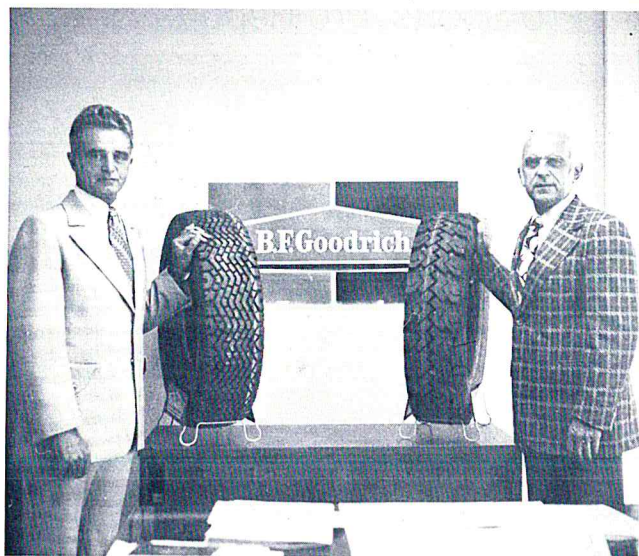
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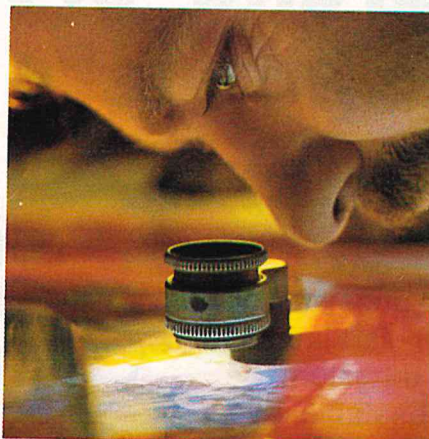
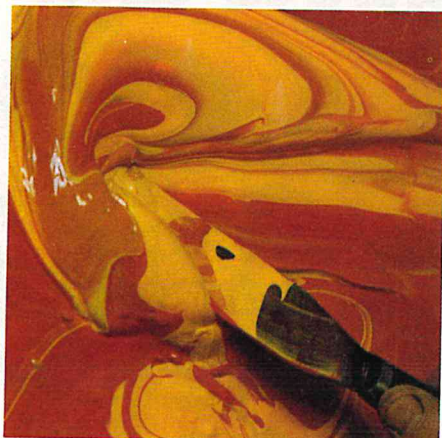
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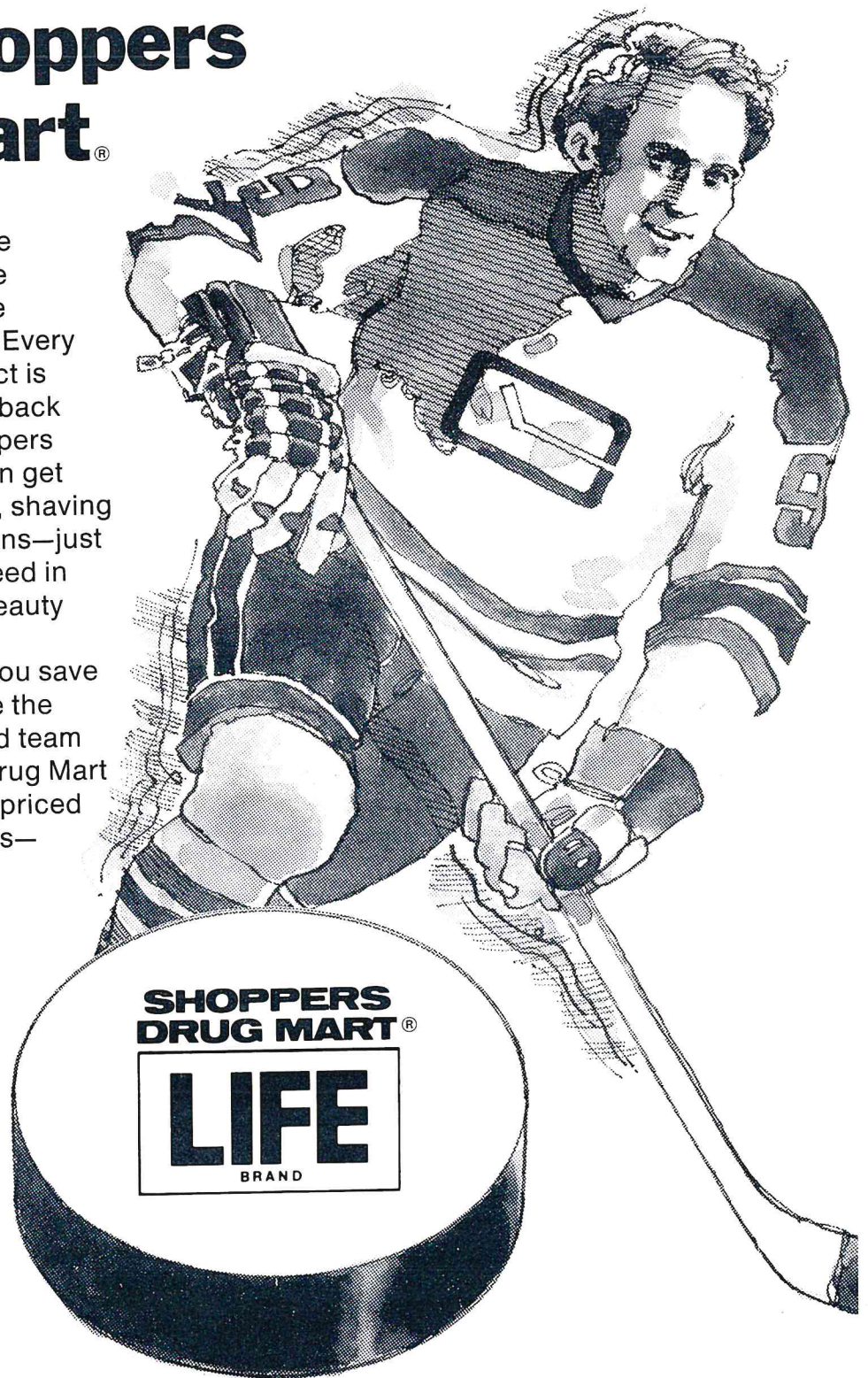
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Hockey Talk

LARRY POPEIN . . . COMPLEMENTING PHIL MALONEY

By HAL SIGURDSON

When the Vancouver Canucks play on the road, Larry Popein tries to avoid sitting in the press box. He's afraid someone may talk to him and distract his attention from the game.

"Dedicated hockey man" is a term often employed by people in the game. They could use the wiry, little guy from Yorkton, Sask., as its definition.

How dedicated? Bert Olmstead is probably as intense and competitive a man as ever played the game. He carried the same philosophy into coaching, an attitude the new generation of players often found abrasive and overbearing. But at least one of Olmstead's players agreed with virtually everything he did and said.

"I thought Bert was a fine coach," Popein says today. "He even told us to stand smartly at attention during the national anthem and to come charging out on the ice from the dressing room . . . to show some pride in being a professional hockey player. And I think that's right. I think hockey players should be proud."

Much has been made of the deals Phil Maloney has made since taking over as the Canucks' coach and general manager. And rightfully so. Chris Oddleifson, Leon Rochefort, Mike Robitaille, Gerry Meehan, Garry Monahan and John Grisdale, all players Maloney has brought to Vancouver, have been valuable additions.

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But Maloney made another deal this year that is generally overlooked and it, too, has turned out to be a masterstroke. He talked the New York Rangers into releasing Popein from his scouting contract.

Ostensibly, Popein was hired as Vancouver's western scout, but in fact he is much more than that.

During games he is Maloney's second pair of eyes, which is why he wants no distractions. When the Canucks travel, Popein goes along to take care of the myriad of details involved in moving a group of 26 or 27 people over 70,000 miles.

"He's my right hand," says Maloney, then grins and adds, "but he's a terrible person. When we win a game I'm happy and relaxed, but he's always nagging at me, reminding me what has to be done for the next game. With him around I'm never going to get complacent."

Though he carries neither title, Popein is in effect both an assistant coach and an assistant general manager. He conducts some practices and also handles much of the paper work involved in a general manager's duties.

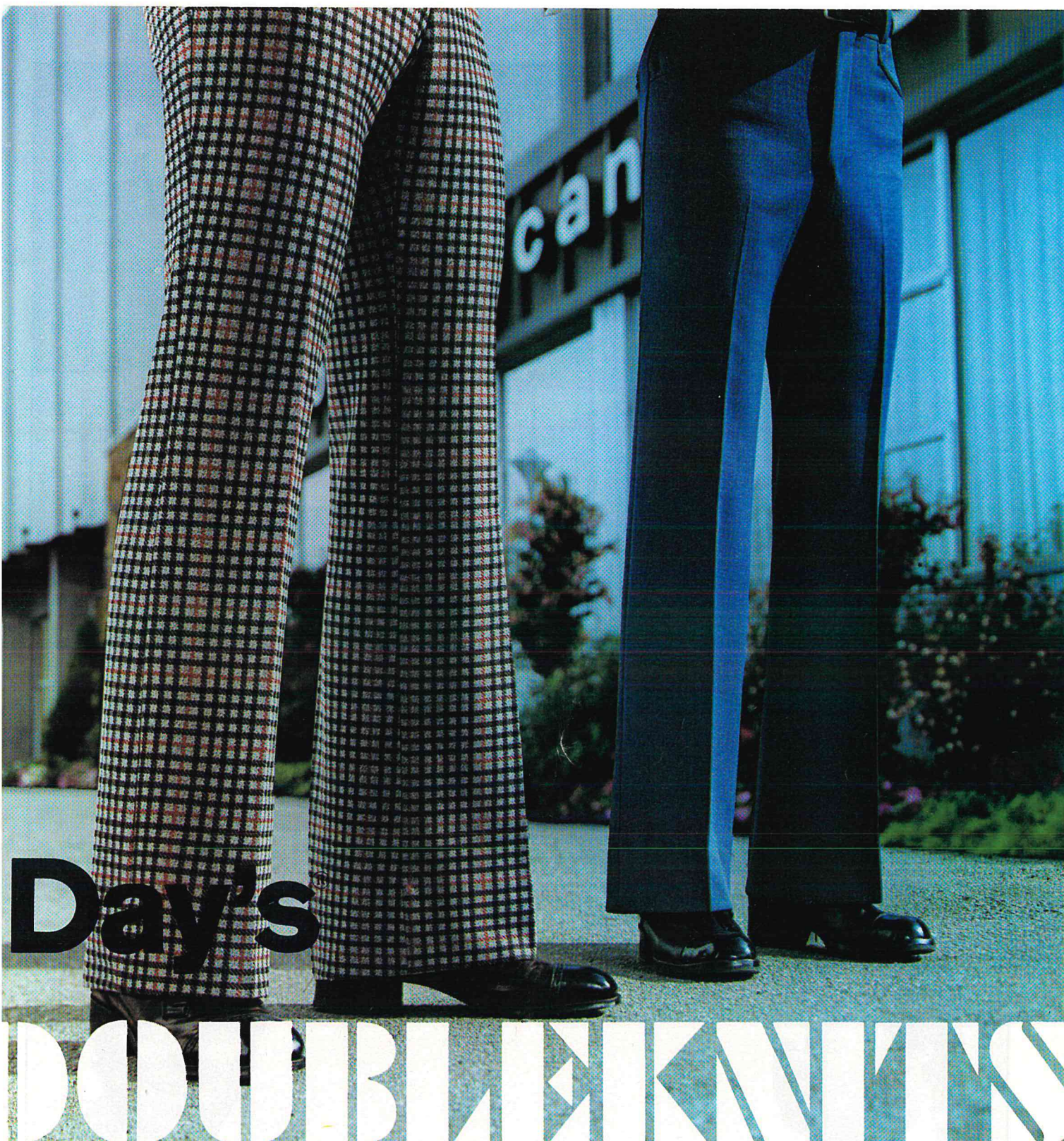
"Without him, I'd go crazy," Maloney says. "I may go crazy anyway, but at least he's delaying the process."

Maloney and Popein were teammates for years with the old Western Hockey League Canucks, but when their playing days were over Maloney remained with Vancouver while Popein went to work for the Rangers, who had been the Canucks' parent team.

A year ago Popein had risen from the ranks to become the Rangers' coach, while Maloney was coaching the Canucks' farm team in Seattle. Then, last January, the careers of both men took sharp turns. Popein was relieved as New York coach and shuffled to the scouting ranks, while Maloney was brought in to remedy the Canucks' sagging fortunes.

When Phil was rehired as the Canucks' coach and general manager last summer, he knew exactly who he wanted to help him.

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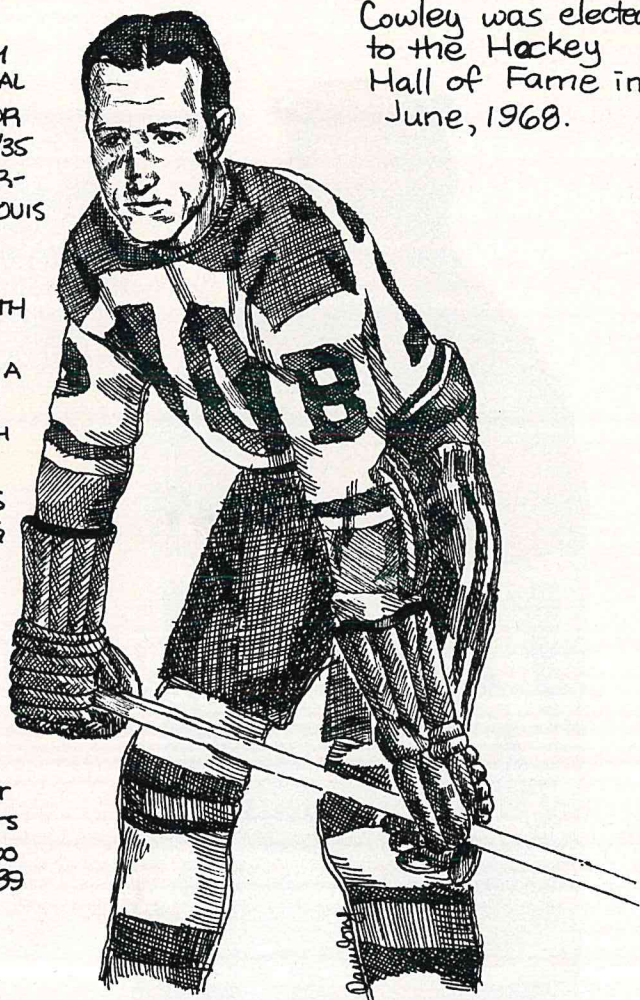


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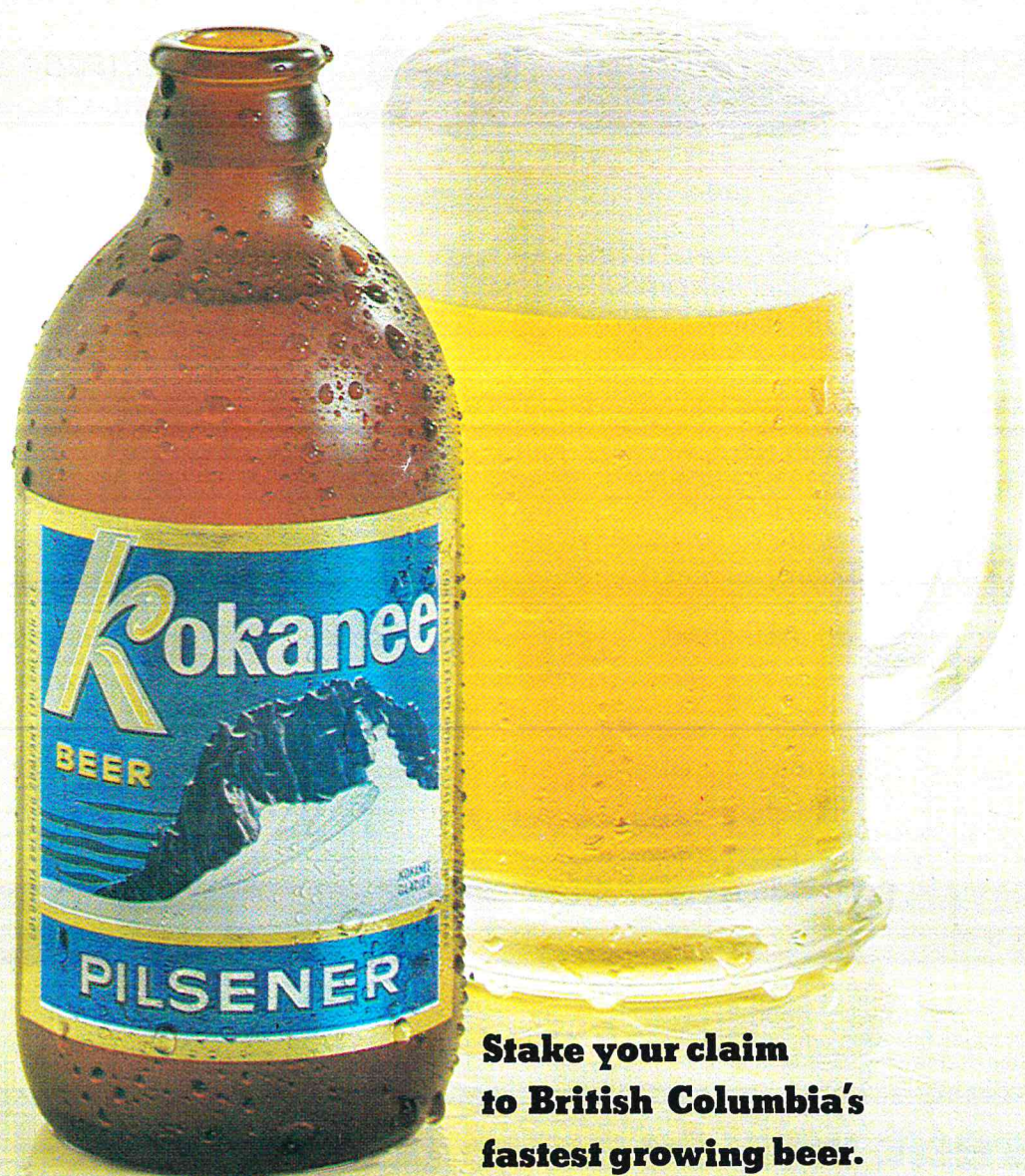
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Talk about hockey and you're usually talking about excitement. The conversation naturally leads to a discussion about what the most exciting part of the game is.

Is it Bobby Orr, leading a rush up the ice and weaving through the opposition? Is it the speed of Yvan Cournoyer as he bursts down the right wing, turning on the afterburners at the opponent's blueline? Is it the contact, when defencemen dish out those heavy checks fellows like Bob Dailey and Mike Robitaille are wont to make?

Nonsense. It's watching a little black piece of rubber go across a little red line. When the puck goes into the net, that's excitement. It usually doesn't matter much how it gets there; the reaction is always the same.

Paulin Bordeleau can come up with some of those patented moves of his, fool a couple of defencemen and leave the goaltender guessing. Don Lever can let go with a wicked wrist shot that gives a goalie no chance. Dailey can whistle a drive in from the point. It really doesn't matter. Somebody can shoot the puck into an empty net and the reaction is guaranteed. Players raise their sticks in the air and the fans raise the roof a foot or two.

But, there is one scoring play that stands out from the others. The penalty shot.

Perhaps it's because it takes a minute or two to get things set up and you are well aware of the howdown that is coming. What-



Boudrias, always a fine playmaker, also has an accurate shot.

ever the reason, a penalty shot seems to be the epitome of hockey excitement.

Vancouver Canucks fans might not all remember the evening of March 9, 1973, when Detroit Red Wings were here to take on our local heroes. But rest assured, it's an evening Andre Boudrias won't have any trouble recalling.

It was the night of the only National Hockey League penalty shot ever taken in this building and Boudrias was doing the shooting. His target was the net, his obstacle Roger Crozier.

Talk to goaltenders and they'll tell you they have the advantage in such one-on-one situations. In fact, it's not uncommon for goaltenders and forwards on the same hockey clubs to make small wagers at practice sessions about how many times they can, or can't, score on 10 penalty shots.

Gilles Villemure, the outstanding netminder of New York Ran-

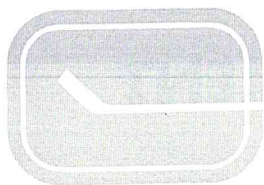
gers, says the goalie "should be able to stop at least five out of 10 on the real good shooters. I stopped seven out of 10 on Rod Gilbert once and he wouldn't speak to me for a while."

You look at the penalty shot results from the past couple of NHL seasons and Villemure's statement is backed up.

As mentioned before, penalty shots are not the most common event in the NHL. In the 1972-73 season, there were only eight of them called. Of those eight shots, the goaltenders stopped six.

Last year 13 different shooters had penalty shot chances against 13 different goaltenders. The goalies won out again, stopping eight of the 13 shots.

Of yes, you wondered how Boudrias did on that chance of his here a couple of years ago . . . he scored, but then you knew it all the time, didn't you?



VANCOUVER CANUCKS

1974-5

ROSTER

PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1973-74 CLUB	1973-74 RECORD				
						GP	G	A	TP	Pim
Forwards										
PAULIN BORDELEAU	5 - 9	165	Noranda, Quebec	Jan. 29, 1953	Vancouver	68	11	13	24	20
GREGG BODDY	6 - 2	200	Ponoka, Alta.	March 19, 1949	Vancouver	53	2	10	12	59
ANDRE BOUDRIAS	5 - 8	165	Montreal, Quebec	Sept. 19, 1943	Vancouver	78	16	59	75	18
JOHN GOULD	6 - 0	185	Alliston, Ont.	April 11, 1949	Vancouver / Buffalo	75	13	12	25	10
BOBBY LALONDE	5 - 5	155	Montreal, Que.	March 27, 1951	Vancouver	36	3	4	7	18
DON LEVER	5 - 11	180	South Porcupine, Ont.	Nov. 14, 1952	Vancouver	78	23	25	48	28
GERRY MEEHAN	6 - 2	200	Toronto, Ontario	Sept. 3, 1946	Buffalo	72	20	26	46	12
GARRY MONAHAN	6 - 0	185	Barrie, Ontario	Oct. 20, 1946	Toronto	78	9	16	25	70
CHRIS ODDLEIFSON	6 - 1	177	Brandon, Man.	Sept. 7, 1950	Boston / Vancouver	70	13	16	29	44
GERRY O'FLAHERTY	5 - 9	175	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Aug. 31, 1950	Vancouver	78	22	20	42	18
LEON ROCHEFORT	6 - 0	185	Cap de la Madeleine, Que.	May 4, 1939	Atlanta	56	10	12	22	13
DENNIS VERVERGAERT	6 - 0	185	Hamilton, Ont.	March 30, 1953	Vancouver	78	26	31	57	25
Defencemen						GP	G	A	TP	Pim
BOB DAILEY	6 - 5	215	Kingston, Ont.	May 3, 1953	Vancouver	76	7	17	24	143
AB DeMARCO	6 - 0	180	Cleveland, Ohio	Feb. 27, 1949	St. Louis Pittsburgh	23 34	3 7	9 12	12 19	11 4
JOHN GRISDALE	6 - 0	190	Geraldton, Ontario	Aug. 23, 1948	Tulsa	71	9	29	38	193
DENNIS KEARNS	5 - 8	182	Kingston, Ont.	Sept. 27, 1945	Vancouver	52	4	13	17	30
TRACY PRATT	6 - 2	195	New York, N.Y.	March 8, 1943	Buffalo / Vancouver	78	3	15	18	96
MIKE ROBITAILLE	5 - 11	195	Midland, Ontario	Feb. 12, 1948	Buffalo	71	2	18	20	60
Goaltenders						GP	MP	GA	SO	Avg
KEN LOCKETT	6 - 0	170	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 30, 1947	Baltimore	37	2128	99	2	2.79
GARY SMITH	6 - 4	215	Ottawa, Ont.	Feb. 4, 1944	Vancouver	66	3632	208	3	3.44

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COBRA IN SEALS NET

By HANK MASLER

"You move like a snake out there," exclaimed a reporter, and Bob Barlow, a former teammate, added, "Yeh, just like a cobra."

Thus began the nickname of "Cobra" for Gary Simmons, the new California Seals' goaltender, whose snake-like glove hand and movements have made his nickname stick.

Simmons, who has spent three full seasons and parts of five others in the minors, will be seeing plenty of action for the Seals this year, probably sharing the goaltending duties with Gilles Meloche.

Although he could have joined the World Hockey Association for the same money, Simmons decided on the Seals because, "the National League is the best league in the world."

Called by some "the best goalie in the minor leagues last year," Simmons carries on his nickname by wearing a green-colored cobra painted on his black goaltender's mask. Although the mask was only used during practice sessions last year, it will be used for regular season games in the NHL.

Simmons, who led Phoenix to the league and playoff championships in the WHL the past two years, is also known for roaming outside of the goalie's crease in order to pick up a free puck. "I feel if I go behind the net and clear the puck, I can help my defencemen," he said. "If I have the puck behind the net and somebody's coming after me, I can pass it around the boards, therefore trapping the forechecker."

The 6-2, 195-pounder also explained that, "Of course, if I stand out there, I do get the chance of getting steamrolled." Simmons said that he understood that, though, and added, "That's all part of the game. I expect to get it, but I can't be a coward. This is a game of guts. If you give it out, you've got to expect to take it. That's why I like hockey so much."

A goaltender who likes the physical game (he had 23 minutes in penalties last year, including the second-highest total in the playoffs), Simmons also works on shooting and passing the puck "in order to do whatever the occasion demands" when he's away from the net.

"I can bodycheck pretty well," the "Cobra" said, but then admitted that, "I'd like to go on record as saying that I'm the worst fighter in the world. I can't remember winning too many fights. Even my dogs can beat me up. I don't think John L. Sullivan would have had too much trouble handling me, but I'm not scared."

Gary Simmons isn't afraid to tangle with anyone, except, of course, a snake. When he's in goal, though, his "Cobra" nickname is certainly fitting.





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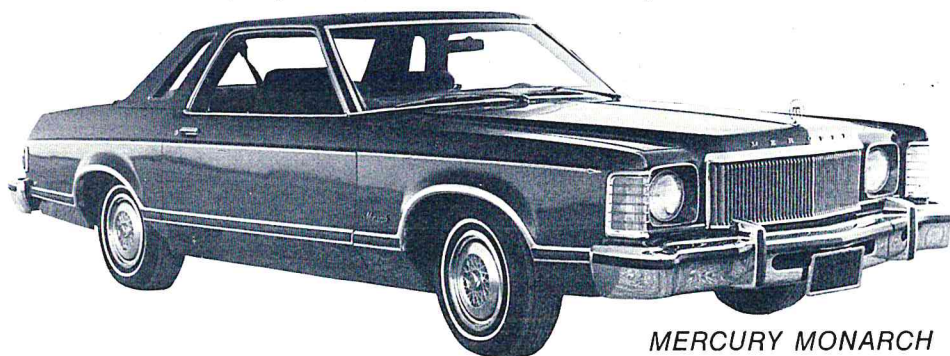
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PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1973-74 CLUB	1973-74 RECORD		
Forwards						G	A	Pts.
DAVE GARDNER	6 - 0	183	Toronto, Ont.	Aug. 23, 1952	Montreal Canadiens - St. Louis	6	12	18
DAVID HRECHKOSY	6 - 2	204	Winnipeg, Man.	Nov. 1, 1951	California - Salt Lake	36	34	70
RON HOUSTON	5 - 10	175	Manitou, Man.	April 8, 1945	California - Salt Lake	23	42	65
JOSEPH JOHNSTON	5 - 9	175	Peterborough, Ont.	March 3, 1949	California	27	40	67
BRIAN LAVENDER	6 - 0	180	Edmonton, Alta.	April 20, 1947	Detroit - Virginia - Providence	12	25	37
AL MacADAM	6 - 0	175	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	March 6, 1952	Richmond	23	22	45
MORRIS MOTT	5 - 10	165	Creelman, Sask.	May 25, 1946	California	9	17	26
LARRY PATEY	6 - 1	180	Toronto, Ont.	Feb. 17, 1953	California - Salt Lake	40	43	83
JOHN STEWART	6 - 0	180	Eriksdale, Man.	May 16, 1950	Atlanta	18	15	33
STANLEY WEIR	6 - 1	170	Ponoka, Alta.	March 17, 1952	California	9	7	16
BUTCH WILLIAMS	5 - 11	195	Duluth, Minn.	Sept. 11, 1952	St. Louis - Denver	16	21	37

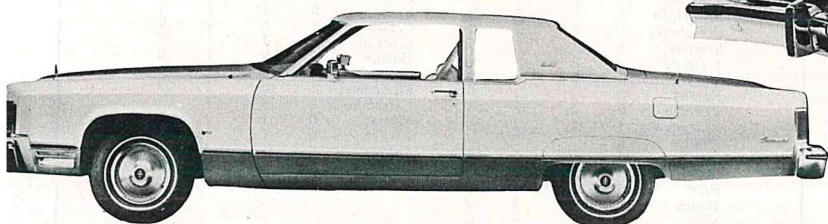
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PLAYER	HGT.	WGT.	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	1973-74 CLUB	1973-74 RECORD		
Defencemen						G	A	Pts.
LEN FRIG	6 - 0	190	Lethbridge, Alta	Oct. 30, 1950	Chicago	4	10	14
RICK HAMPTON	6 - 0	170	Toronto, Ont.	June 14, 1956	St. Catharines Jrs.	25	25	50
TERRY MURRAY	6 - 2	190	Shawville, Que.	July 20, 1950	California	0	12	12
JIM NEILSON	6 - 2	205	Big River, Sask.	Nov. 28, 1941	NY Rangers	4	7	11
ROBERT STEWART	6 - 1	206	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Nov. 10, 1950	California	2	5	7
Goaltenders						Mins.	GA	SO
GILLES MELOCHE	5 - 10	170	Montreal, Que.	July 12, 1950	California	2800	198	1
GARY SIMMONS	6 - 2	180	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	July 19, 1944	Phoenix	2861	143	0

1973-74 results

**Vancouver
Canucks
VS.**

**California
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Seals**



California
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Seals

CANUCKS vs. CALIFORNIA

Canucks All-time Record Against California: Won 17, Lost 5, Tied 0

	BY SEASON					AWAY				
	W	L	T	G	GA	W	L	T	G	GA
1970-71	3	0	0	18	8	2	1	0	11	9
1971-72	2	1	0	10	7	2	1	0	17	12
1972-73	3	0	0	11	8	1	1	0	8	13
1973-74	2	0	0	13	4	2	1	0	9	7
TOTALS	10	1	0	52	27	7	4	0	45	41

All-time Shutouts: Canucks vs. California: One (G. Smith)
California vs. Canucks: One (G. Meloche)

1973-74 RESULTS

AT VANCOUVER			AT OAKLAND		
Dec. 26	Canucks 6	California 4	Jan. 11	California 2	Canucks 3
Mar. 31	Canucks 7	California 0	Feb. 6	California 4	Canucks 2
			Apr. 3	California 1	Canucks 4

1973-74 INDIVIDUAL SCORING

CANUCKS					CALIFORNIA				
Player	G	A	Pts	Pim	Player	G	A	Pts	Pim
Ververgaert	7	2	9	0	J. Johnston	1	3	4	6
Lever	3	6	9	0	Gilbertson	2	1	3	0
Boudrias	2	5	7	0	McKechnie	2	1	3	4
Oddleifson	1	3	4	0	Mott	1	2	3	2
Tannahill	2	1	3	0	Boldirev	0	3	3	0
Bordeleau	1	1	2	0	Leach	0	3	3	4
O'Flaherty	1	1	2	0	Graves	1	1	2	0
Schmaltz	1	1	2	0	Croteau	1	0	1	0
J. Gould	0	2	2	0	Huston	1	0	1	0
Guevremont	0	2	2	0	Meeke	1	0	1	0
Kearns	0	2	2	0	McAneeley	1	0	1	2
Lemieux	0	2	2	4	Laframboise	0	1	1	2
Kurtenbach	1	1	2	0	Murray	0	1	1	6
Wilkins	0	2	2	2	Patrick	0	1	1	0
Seguin	1	0	1	0	Shakes	0	1	1	0
McSheffrey	1	0	1	0	Weir	0	1	1	0
Pratt	1	0	1	8	Cummins	0	0	0	4
Dailey	0	1	1	2					
Mair	0	1	1	0					
Boddy	0	0	0	12					
Dunn	0	0	0	2					
McCord	0	0	0	6					



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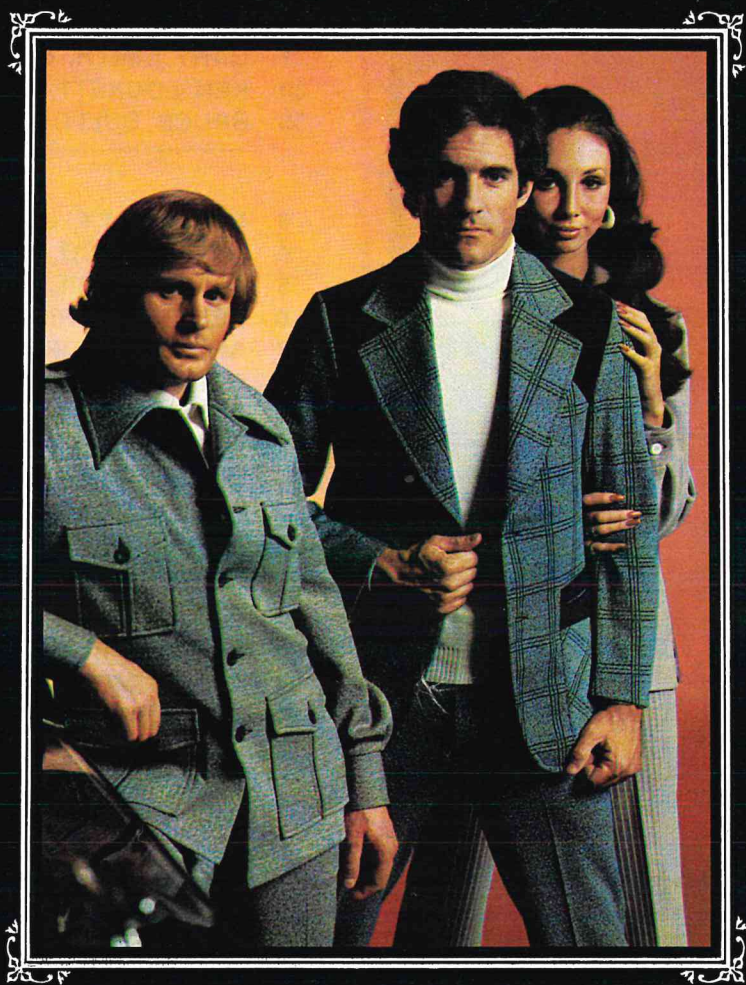
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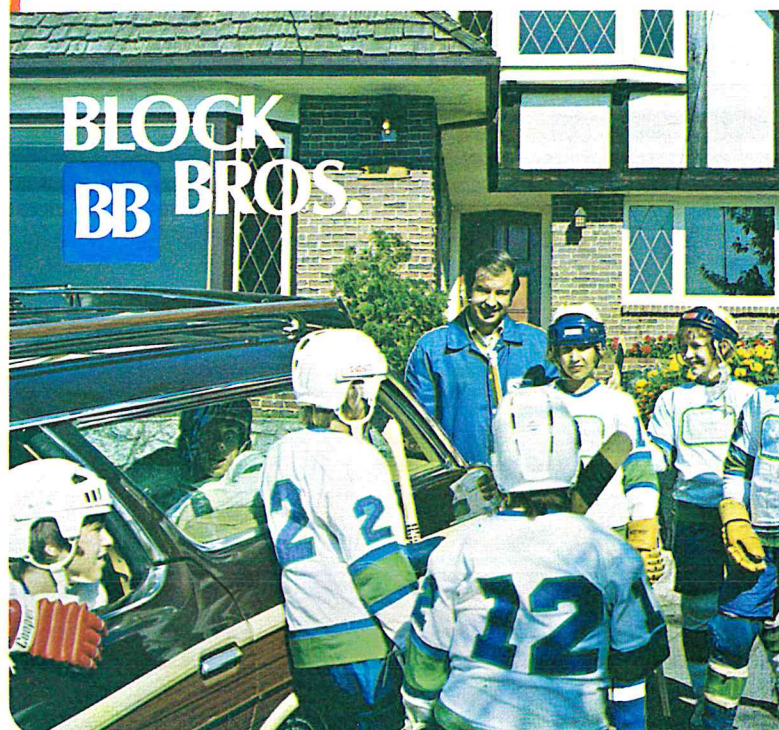
Tuesday, December 10, 1974

(Including game of December 8, 1974)

	Name	Min.	GA	SO	Ave.
1	GARY SMITH, g	1402	60	4	2.57
30	KEN LOCKETT, g	218	16	0	4.40
35	BRUCE BULLOCK, g	60	4	0	4.00

		G	A	Pts.	Pim
3	BOB DAILEY, d	4	17	21	59
4	AB DEMARCO, d	5	5	10	10
5	TRACY PRATT, d	3	9	12	49
6	DENNIS KEARNS, d	1	7	8	10
7	ANDRE BOUDRIAS, f	6	25	31	20
8	GERRY MEEHAN, f	5	9	14	4
9	DON LEVER, f	12	14	26	11
12	LEON ROCHEFORT, f	5	5	10	2
14	CHRIS ODDLEIFSON, f	9	18	27	33
15	PAULIN BORDELEAU, f	8	11	19	9
20	BOBBY LALONDE, f	9	10	19	26
21	JOHN GOULD, f	15	12	27	2
22	GREGG BODDY, f	5	6	11	10
23	GERRY O'FLAHERTY, f	6	6	12	12
24	GARRY MONAHAN, f	7	9	16	22
27	HAROLD SNEPSTS, d	0	0	0	0

GENERAL MGR. AND COACH: Phil Maloney
TRAINERS: Pat Dunn and Phil Langlois





CALIFORNIA GOLDEN SEALS

Tuesday, December 10, 1974

(Including game of December 8, 1974)

	Name	Min.	GA	SO	Ave.
27	GILLES MELOCHE, g	1031	68	1	3.96
30	GARY SIMMONS, g	649	50	1	4.62

		G	A	Pts.	Pim
2	RICK HAMPTON, d	3	5	8	10
4	BOB STEWART, d	2	5	7	45
5	TERRY MURRAY, d	0	1	1	4
6	LEN FRIG, d	2	5	7	77
7	DAVE GARDNER, f	2	6	8	0
8	BRIAN LAVENDER, f	0	0	0	12
9	LARRY PATEY, f	5	5	10	25
11	DON HUSTON, f	6	11	17	6
12	BUTCH WILLIAMS, f	4	2	6	23
15	JIM NEILSON, d	0	1	1	32
17	JOHN STEWART, f	5	6	11	21
18	DAVE HRECHKOSY, f	8	4	12	2
20	MORRIS MOTT, f	0	2	2	6
21	STAN WEIR, f	11	7	18	2
22	JOEY JOHNSTON, f	7	16	23	38
25	AL MacADAM, f	3	8	11	19

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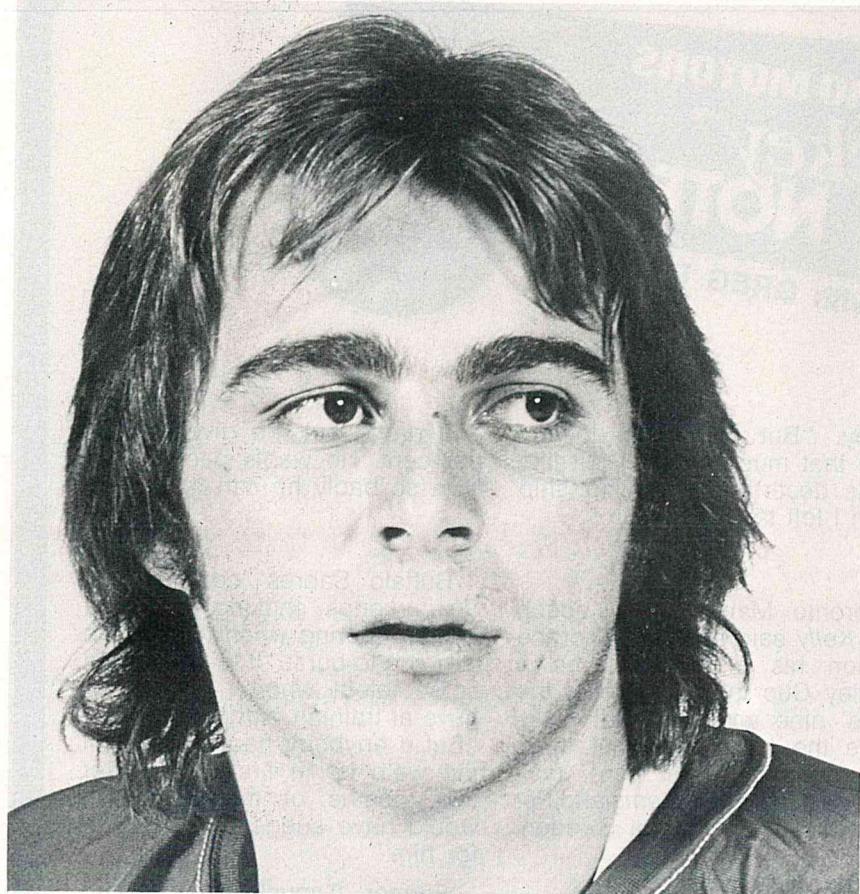
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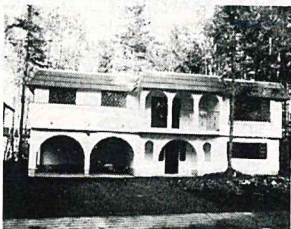


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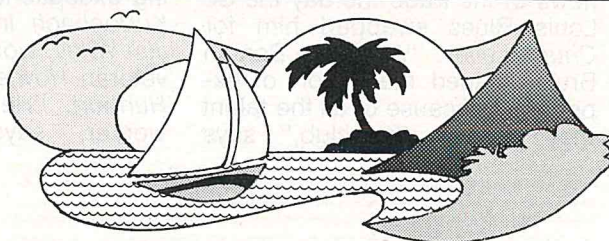
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They've got a new nickname for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Reporters now refer to them as the "Fizz Kids".

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New Montreal Canadiens' defenceman *Don Awrey* says he was really shaken up with the news of the trade the day the St. Louis Blues swapped him for *Chuck Lefley*. "When the Boston Bruins traded me, I sort of expected it because of all the talent they had on the club," says

Awrey. "But St. Louis doesn't have that much talent. I felt like I was deserting a sinking ship when I left them."

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Toronto Maple Leafs' coach *Red Kelly* said at the start of the season his club would be a Stanley Cup threat if two of the Leafs' nine amateur draft picks made the team. None of them did. The top three were *Jack Valiquette*, *Dave Williams* and *Per Arne Alexandersson* of Sweden.

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One of the players performing exceptionally well for *Orland Kurtenbach* in Seattle is centre *Jim Wiley*, working on a line with veteran *Howie Hughes* and *Bob Hurlburt*. "He's a good, honest worker," says Kurt. "Game in

and game out, he gives it 100 per cent. He wants back to the NHL so badly he can taste it."

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Buffalo Sabres' coach *Floyd Smith* keeps shaking his head and wondering when the bubble is going to burst. "I knew we had some talent when I saw these guys at training camp," he says. "But if anybody had tried to tell me we'd be in first place after two months of the season, I would have suggested a doctor for him."

Former Canuck *Jerry Korab* is playing perhaps the finest hockey of his young career in Buffalo. "He's our anchor man back on the blueline," Smith says. "To be effective, Korab has to play it rough . . . and that's exactly what he's been doing."

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GOLD STAR IN GOLDEN GATE CITY

By HANK MASLER

Very few players can make it into the National Hockey League, and even fewer can reach stardom within their first few seasons.

The California Golden Seals, however, think they've come up with one of those few. Rick Hampton, an 18-year-old defenceman, was the Seals' first round draft choice of 1974, and was chosen under the new NHL rule allowing each team to draft one underage player.

Hampton has signed a multi-year contract, which is full of figures expected to make him the highest paid 18-year-old in the world.

Before even trying on a Seals' uniform, Hampton was compared with Bobby Orr and the pressure has been felt. "The newspaper reporters have put a lot of pressure on me," the youngster said. "I've been compared with Bobby Orr, which is ridiculous. I don't like it at all. It's not fair to me."

Nevertheless, Hampton is learning NHL hockey, and admits that he's bound to make many mistakes. "I've got to make mistakes to learn. The only mistakes that really bother me are the silly ones like losing the puck or making a bad pass.

"It's all going to take a while. It's going to take me quite a while to break into this league."

Hampton, who registered 25 goals and 25 assists for the St. Catharines Black Hawks of the Ontario Hockey Association last season at age 17, is noticing the changes in play already. "The

biggest change is the size of the players I'm playing against, and the experience they have," he said. "Some of these guys have been in the league fifteen years, and I'm just starting out.

"I'm not going to change my style of play, though. I'm going to play the way I did in junior hockey, but I'll just have to be more cautious. I'll play the physical game, but I've got to be more careful. I've got to wait for my chance to hit these guys. Last year, I was the same size as most of the junior players. It'll be a little different here since I'm much lighter than many of the players. Hopefully, my playing weight will be up around 180."

Hampton, a physical player who received 110 minutes in penalties last year, followed in the footsteps of many fine players who at one time competed at St. Catharines, including Bobby Hull and Marcel Dionne. The Seals' defenceman, however, last year at 17 years of age, was selected team captain, one of only a handful of players to receive such an honor.

Hampton, who already has been playing organized hockey for 12 years, is looking forward to playing with Seals' new veteran defenceman, Jim Neilson. "I'd definitely welcome playing with him," he said. "When you're playing with a guy who's been in the league for 12 years, he can show you a lot of tricks and make the game a lot easier for you. I'd like him to help me with my mistakes, but of course I don't expect him to be looking after me."

An offensive-minded defenceman in the Orr mold, Hampton insists that defence is still the most important part of hockey. "If you save one goal, it also saves your team from having to score two goals in order to take the lead," he said. "If they don't score, then obviously, you can't lose."

A strong skater with deceptive speed, Hampton usually lets the situation command how he reacts on defence, but does admit that, "I try to take the man with the puck out of play. If I succeed, the other defenceman can pick up the loose puck."

Offensively speaking, he said, "I do like to rush the puck, but I'm not going to worry about that. If I don't get the good chances, I'm not going to take any crazy risks. No matter what happens, though, I'm still going to play my own game."

Hampton, who up until this year, had only seen two NHL games in person, is trying not to let the pressure of super-stardom bother him. He refuses to believe the suggestions that he's another Bobby Orr, and is merely interested in getting through his rookie season without making too many mistakes. "The Seals are building right from the start, and I hope to be part of that plan," he said. "All I hope is to get a regular shift on the ice and have a good season.

"I don't expect to score a lot of points; that doesn't bother me at all. Right now I'm just hoping to play a good defensive game."





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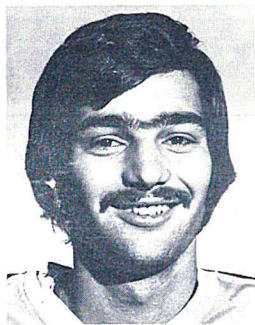
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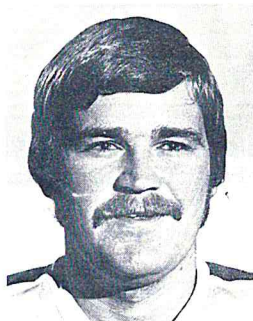
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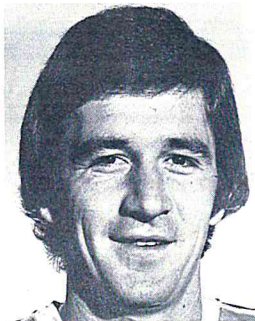


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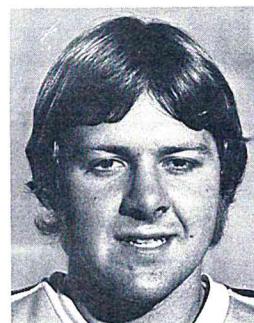
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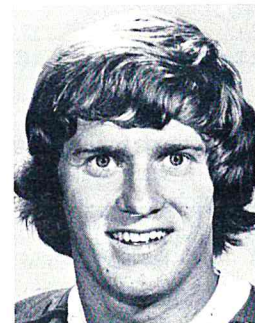
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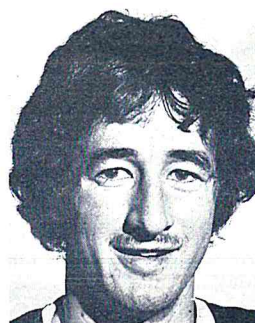
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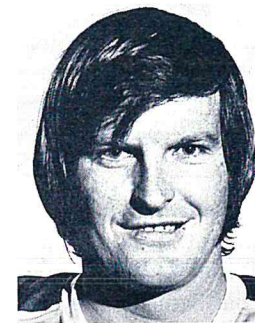
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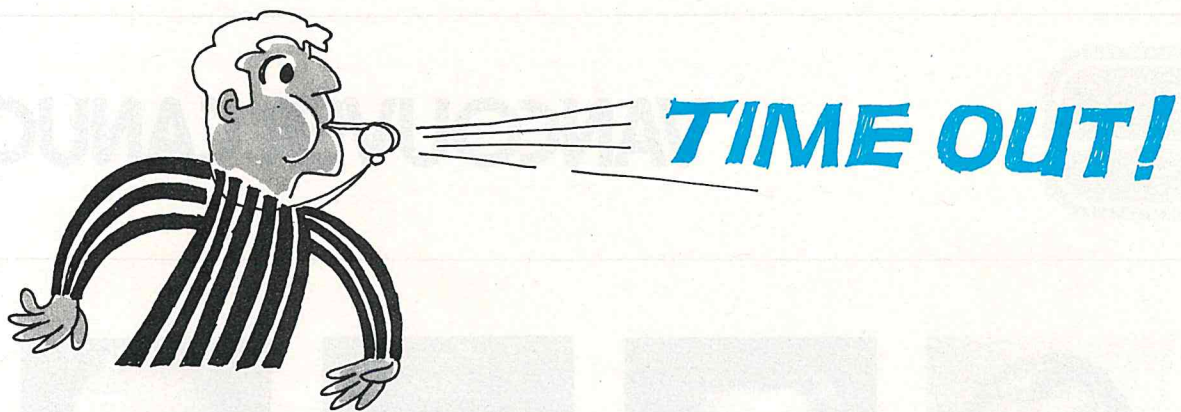
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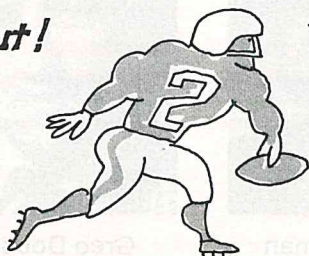
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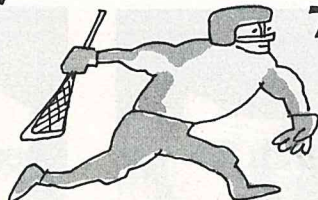
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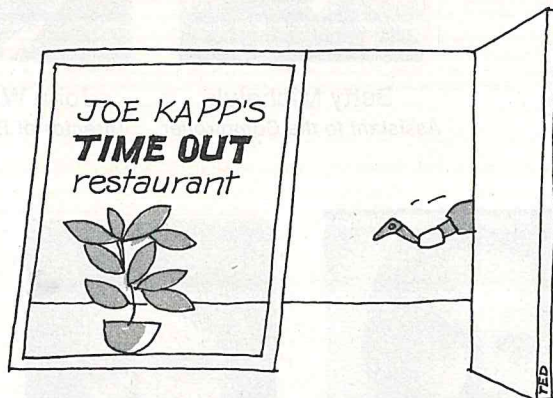
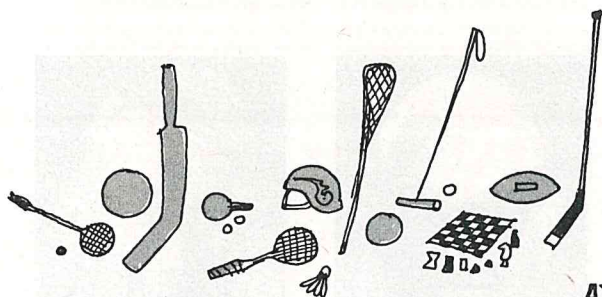


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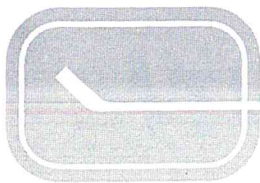
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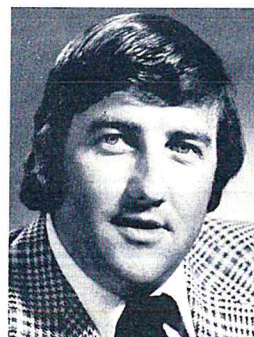
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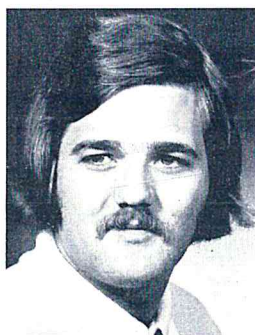
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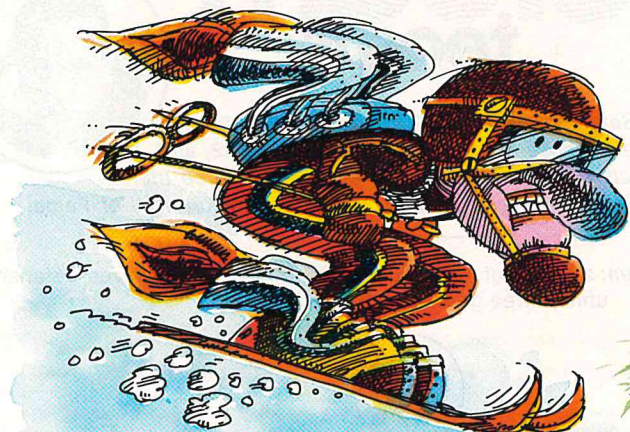
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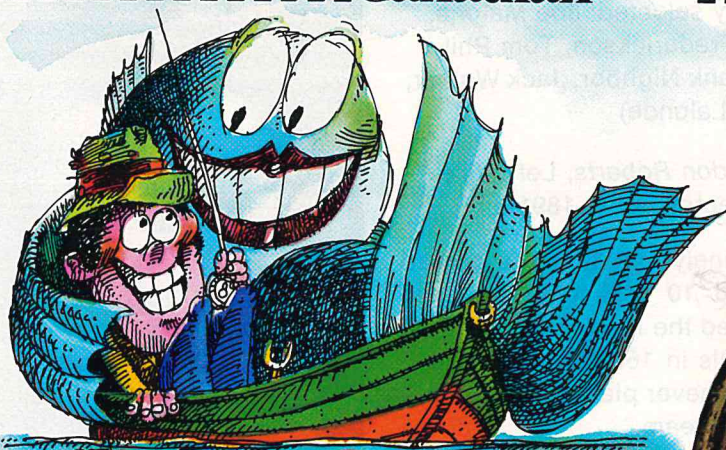
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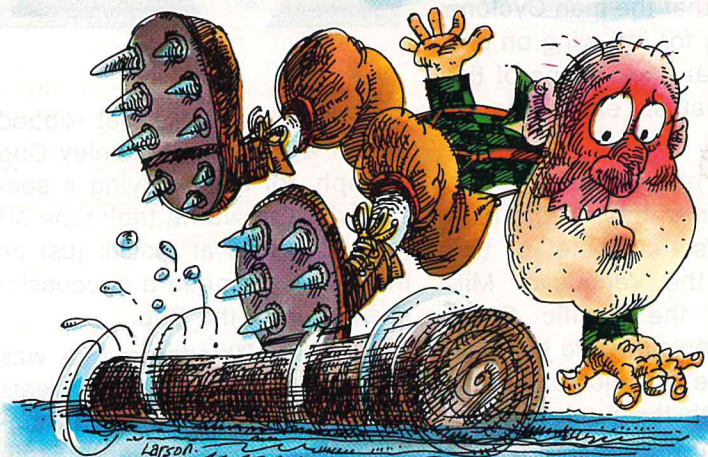
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Cyclone Taylor's Team: a squad of 19, including three forward and three defensive units, three goaltenders, and a rover.

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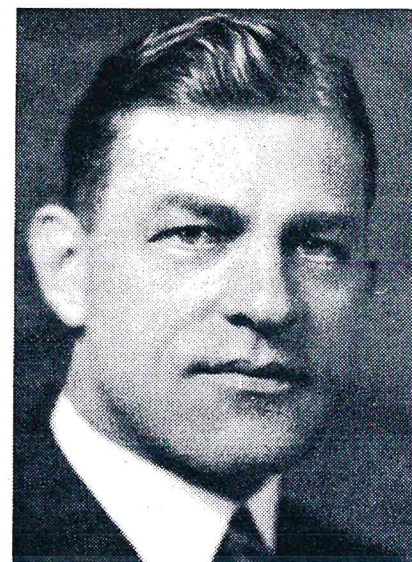
Dr. Gordon Roberts, Left Wing
Born September 5, 1891

Strangely, although his career spanned 10 brilliant years that produced the remarkable total of 203 goals in 166 games, Gordon Roberts never played on a championship team.

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The two basic qualities that Taylor admired most in the man who was his teammate for two years with the Vancouver Millionaires of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association are his marvellous sense of anticipation and his guile with the puck as both a stickhandler and a shooter.

Playing most of his hockey with the Montreal Wanderers, he spent his off hours at the University of McGill studying for his medical degree. It was this attention to preparation for his ulti-



mate lifetime career that robbed him of a share in a Stanley Cup triumph, for after playing a season with Ottawa he took time off for his studies at McGill just as the Senators made a successful challenge for the Cup.

With the Wanderers, he was pre-eminent in a roster of greats that included such as Odie Cleghorn, Harry Hyland and Ernie Russell, and hit his peak production years in 1914-15, when he scored 30 and 29 goals respectively in 20- and 18-game seasons.

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He stayed with the Wanderers until his graduation from McGill in the spring of 1916 and then headed west to join the Vancouver Millionaires. There he joined Frank Patrick, Barney Stanley, Mickey MacKay and Cyc Taylor. He stunned these and other great players in the coast league by scoring 43 goals in 23 games for an all-time league record.

After that one brilliant year with Vancouver, his medical profession dictated a move to Seattle, where he joined the Metropolitans and had another outstanding year with 20 goals in 18 games.

Dr. Roberts then took a year off from hockey, moved back north to Vancouver and rejoined Frank Patrick's Millionaires.

With reports that Roberts was considering moving his practice back East after the 1920 season, the Ottawa Senators tried to get him to sign, but Roberts claimed he still had a lot to learn about the medical profession and when he did return east he went into virtual hiding. Still, Ottawa continued to pursue him and gave up only when Dr. Roberts formally announced his retirement.

Still just 29, he still had a lot of hockey left and had he played out his normal spell he may well have left a record that would have put him statistically high among the most prolific scorers of all time.

As it was, he rates as an automatic choice in Taylor's view, as one of the three best left wingers prior to the so-called modern era.

Gordon Roberts' record:

Year	Club	League	GP	Goals
1910	Ottawa	NHA	9	12
1911	Wanderers	NHA	3	1
1912	Wanderers	NHA	18	16
1913	Wanderers	NHA	15	16
1914	Wanderers	NHA	20	30
1915	Wanderers	NHA	18	29
1916	Wanderers	NHA	21	21
1917	Vancouver	PCHA	23	43
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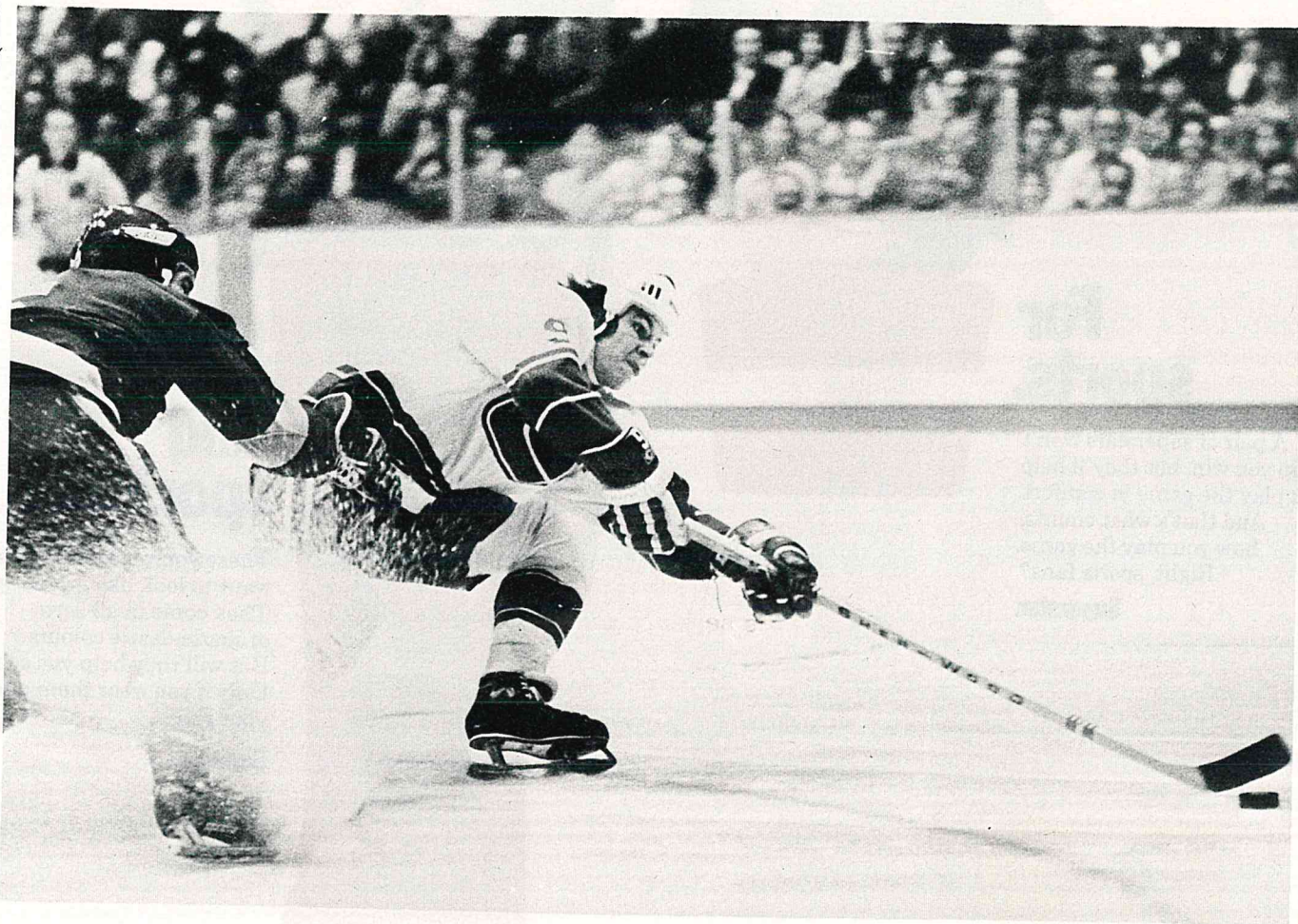
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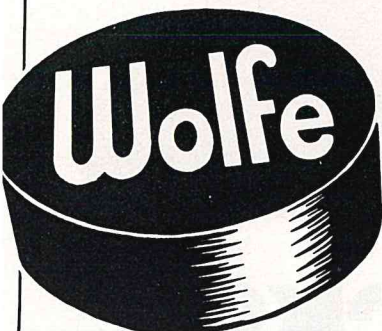
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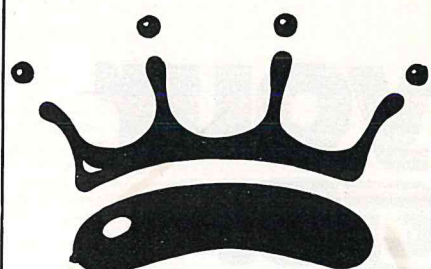


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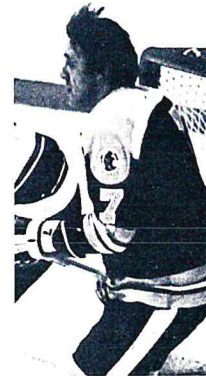
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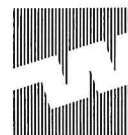


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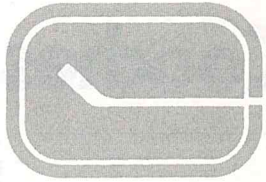


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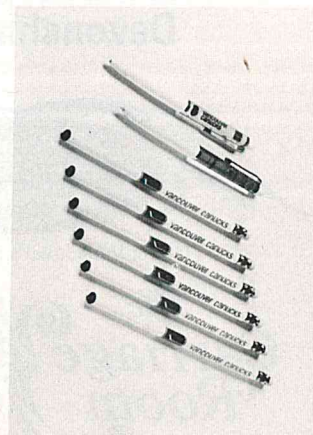
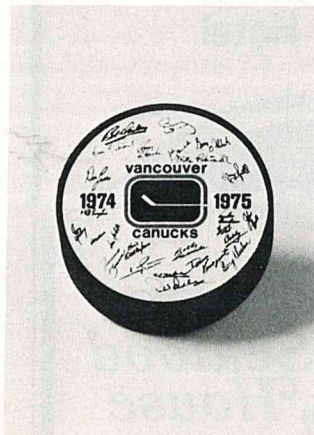
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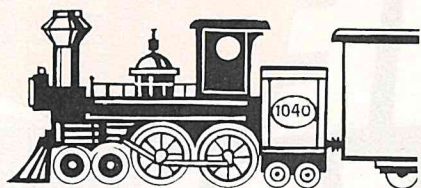
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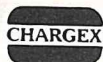


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After that one brilliant year with Vancouver, his medical profession dictated a move to Seattle, where he joined the Metropolitans and had another outstanding year with 20 goals in 18 games.

Dr. Roberts then took a year off from hockey, moved back north to Vancouver and rejoined Frank Patrick's Millionaires.

With reports that Roberts was considering moving his practice back East after the 1920 season, the Ottawa Senators tried to get him to sign, but Roberts claimed he still had a lot to learn about the medical profession and when he did return east he went into virtual hiding. Still, Ottawa continued to pursue him and gave up only when Dr. Roberts formally announced his retirement.

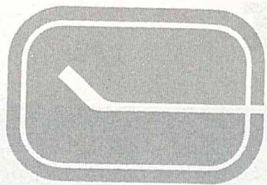
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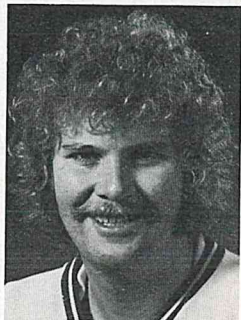
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1910	Ottawa	NHA	9	12
1911	Wanderers	NHA	3	1
1912	Wanderers	NHA	18	16
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1914	Wanderers	NHA	20	30
1915	Wanderers	NHA	18	29
1916	Wanderers	NHA	21	21
1917	Vancouver	PCHA	23	43
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1920	Vancouver	PCHA	21	15
Totals			166	203

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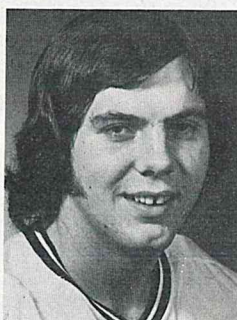
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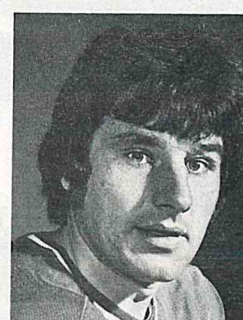
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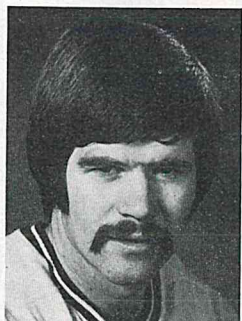
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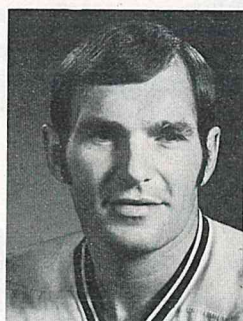
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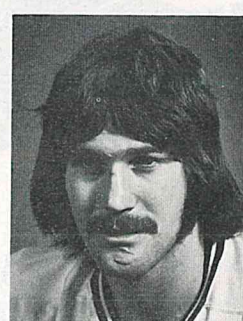
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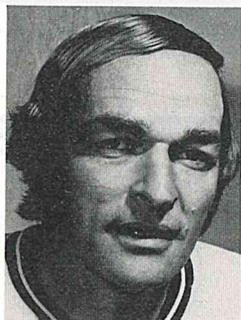
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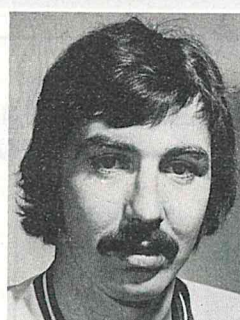
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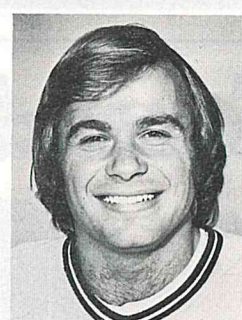
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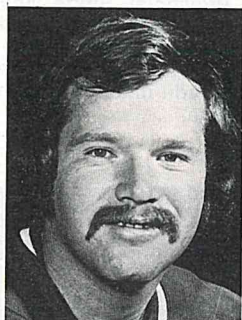
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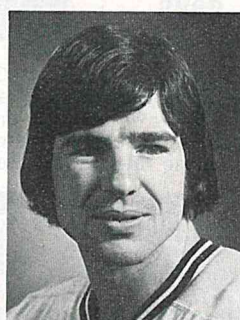
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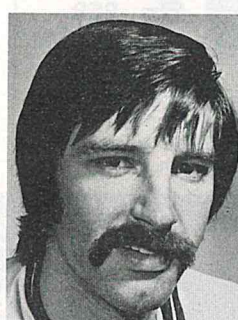
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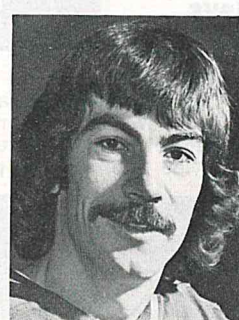
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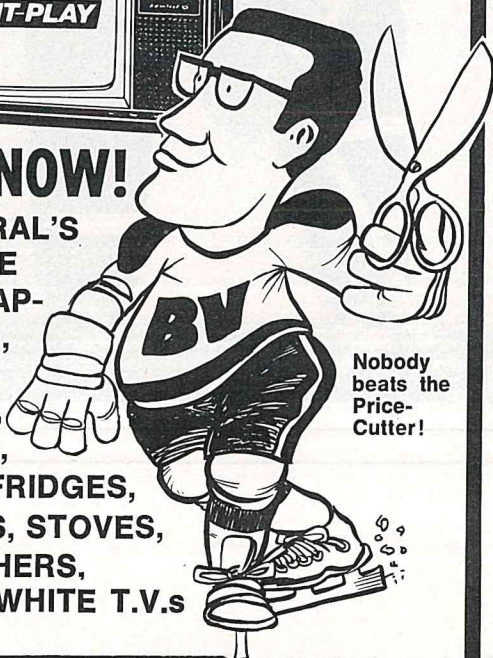
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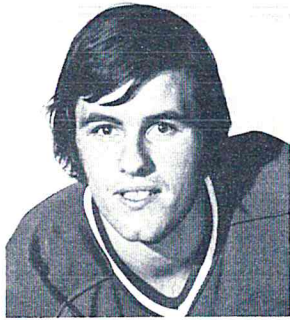
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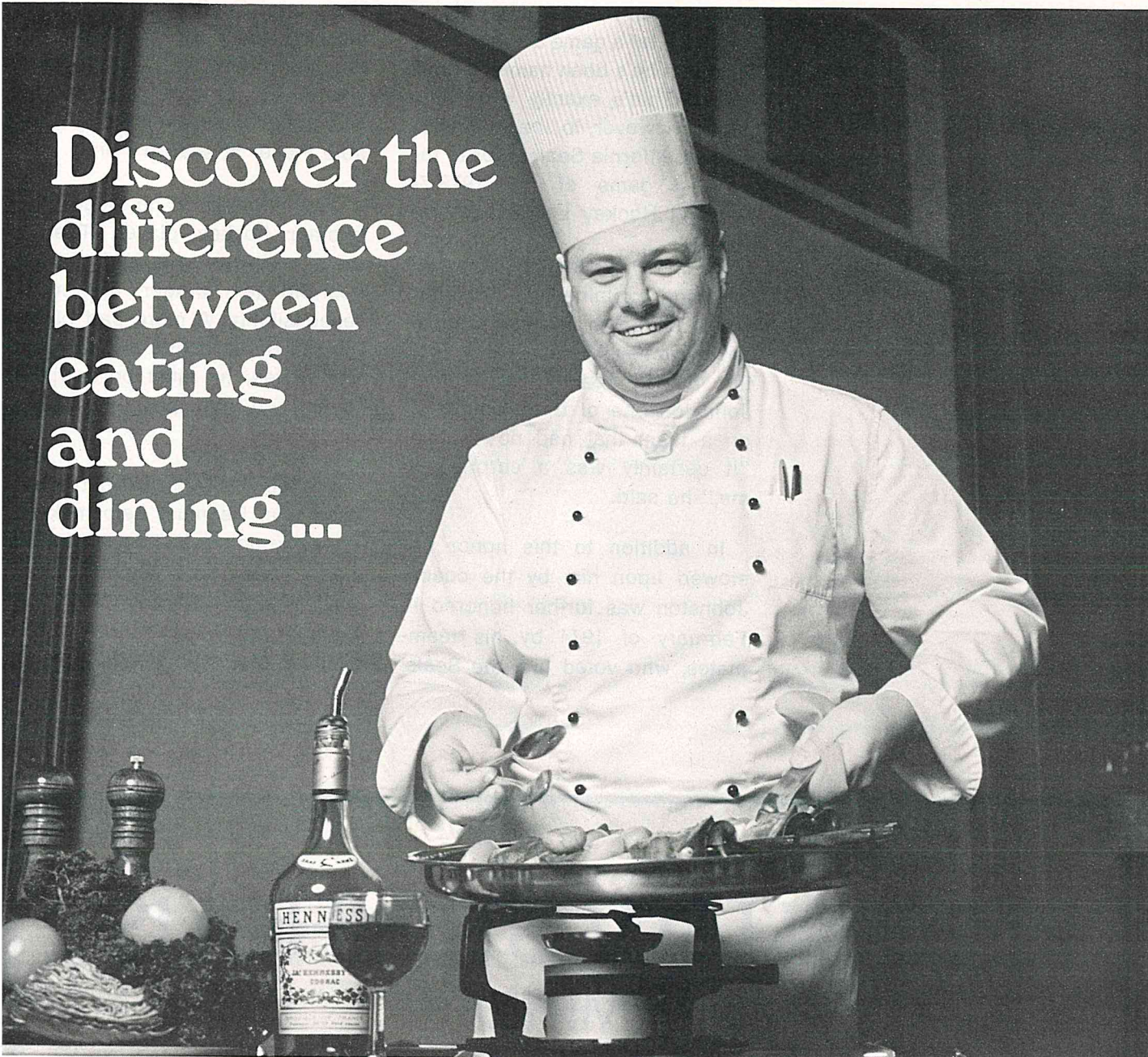


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Joey Johnston

NEW LEADER FOR SEALS

By HANK MASLER

It's not often that a hockey player shows up for a game and suddenly finds that he's been named a team leader. That's exactly what happened, however, to Joey Johnston of the California Seals prior to the opening game of the 1973-74 National Hockey League season.

"I didn't know anything about it," Johnston explained. "I went into the locker room and found an 'A' on my jersey." Fred Glover, then the Seals' coach, had named Johnston one of three alternates on a team that had no captain. "It certainly was a surprise to me," he said.

In addition to this honor bestowed upon him by the coach, Johnston was further honored in February of 1974 by his teammates, who voted him the Seals'

team captain. It was right after the NHL took over ownership of the team. And the finest honor was saved for last, as Johnston was voted the team's Most Valuable Player at season's end.

Joey Johnston is no longer just another hockey player. There's more pressure now, and the 25-year-old left winger has more responsibility. A mere part of his job will be to inspire and help his teammates; he must be a friend to all and a helper for anyone who needs it.

His job this year will not be an easy one. He must help make a cohesive unit out of a very young Seals squad, sprinkled with older players and veterans. With the younger players, Johnston explained that, "I'll listen to them

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first, and see how they play and act, on and off the ice. Maybe they'll be able to tell me some things."

An NHL All-Star for the past two seasons, Johnston will not try to motivate many of the players with words. "I'm not one for speeches," he said. "If I have leadership qualities, I'll try to show them on the ice."

While he finds it difficult to quietly try to motivate, Johnston admitted that, "When I'm on the ice, I'm hollering all the time. I try to help teammates with their mistakes, since sometimes players don't realize when they're doing things wrong. It will be my job to point those mistakes out to them. I won't be critical; I'm just trying to help."

In turn, he said, "I expect others to point out my mistakes also. That's the only way I'll improve."

Johnston, the Seals' leader in goals scored and total points during the past two seasons, admitted that there must be some motivation before most games begin. "Every night is different, and all of the players have to get themselves mentally ready," he said. "Hockey is not just a physical game. As for myself, if I have a good warm-up, and talk it up in the dressing room and on the ice, I'll be ready."

Although he doesn't hesitate to "talk it up" on the ice, or discuss matters with a referee for one of those "little errors," Joey Johnston still knows that there's more to leadership than merely a rah-

rah type captain. "Sometimes I'll have to quietly remind some players that if we get two or three goals behind, we still have to do our best. We've got to be a team; we're in this thing together, and we can help each other without coming to blows."

Joey Johnston might have been surprised when he found that 'A' on his jersey last year, but no one else was. He has certainly become the team leader of the young Seals.

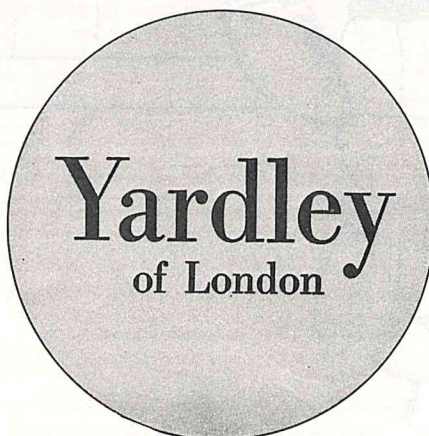



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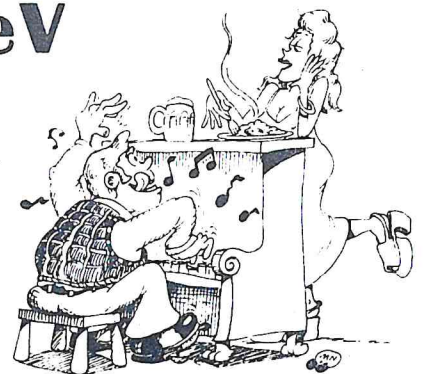


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